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BIRTHS.

ALLEN—Christmas Day, 1924, at 3 London-bridge road, Sandymount, the wife of John J. Allen, of a daughter (stillborn).

COX—Christmas Day, 1924, at Mount Temple, Clontarf, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cox, a daughter.

HEELAN—December 26, 1924, at No. 5 Mount street Crescent, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Heelan, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, a son.

POULTER—December 24, 1924, at 12 Upper Leeson street, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Poulter, 29 Mornington road, Ranelagh, a daughter.

ROWAN—December 17, 1924, at Stapleton place, Dundalk, to Dr. and Mrs. J. Celestine Rowan, late F.M.S., a son.

TABUTEAU—December 22, 1924, at Magiona, Upper Mount street, the wife of Frank R. Plunket Tabuteau, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BATE and KENNEDY—December 24, 1924, at St. Augustine's, Highgate, London, by the Rev. A. C. Bridge, M.A., Edward Reginald Bate, of 2 Eden Park, Kingstown, County Dublin, to Marguerite Violet, youngest daughter of the late Alexander D. Kennedy, Solicitor, of Glenageary, Kingstown, County Dublin.

GRAHAM and LYNAM—December 17, 1924, at St. Victor's Church, Donore avenue, Dublin, by Rev. Canon Thompson, Richard Henry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Rossadown, Mountrath and Gladys Frances, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynam, 6 Wolseley street, S.C. road, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ASHLIN—December 23, 1924, at Sacred Heart Convent, Lower Leeson street, Dublin, Dora, in her 86th year. R.I.P.

BEAUMAN—December 27, 1924, at Brannoxtown, Constance Eleanor, daughter of the late Edward Beauman, of Furness, County Kildare, aged 82.

BYRNE—December 26, 1924, at his residence, 12 Lower Fitzwilliam street (late Lower Mount street), Robert S. Byrne. Deeply and deservedly regretted. R.I.P. Funeral, after 10 o'clock Mass, from Ireland Row Church, this (Monday) morning.

COOKE—December 22, 1924, at Bonlea, The Commons, Thurles, Henry Cooke, aged 75 years. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

FLOOD—December 27, 1924, at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Jane Frances, widow of the late Peter Flood, 60 Lower Gardiner street, and mother of P. J. Flood, Stamer House, South Circular road. Very deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from Hospice to-morrow (Tuesday), 30th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m.

FREYNE—December 24, 1924, at his residence, Cathedral street, Ballaghaderreen, Michael J. Freyne. Interment took place after High Mass at the Cathedral on the 26th inst. in St. Colman's Cemetery.

HAYES—December 27, 1924, at the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, Anne, widow of the late John Francis Hayes, M.R.C.V.S., Summerhill, Nenagh. R.I.P. High Mass to-day (Monday) at 11 a.m. Funeral to Toughalana at 1 p.m.

LILBURN—December 24, 1924, at her residence, Mountainview, St. Mary's road, Dundalk, in her 74th year, Mary Ellen, beloved wife of Joseph Lilburn. Funeral private.

LOMBARD—December 27, 1924, at Percy Lodge, Killiney, Florence Annie, widow of the late Rev. J. N. Lombard, Baltrothery, Balbriggan, and daughter of the late Captain Andrew Carden, Barnane, Templemore. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), 30th, at Mount Jerome, 10.30 o'clock.

O'CONNELL FFRENCH—At The Bungalow, Claregalway, O'Connell Ffrench. Funeral, after Mass, 10 o'clock, to-morrow (Tuesday).

SHEEHAN—December 24, 1924, at a Nursing Home in Paris, Lieutenant-Colonel George F. Sheehan, D.S.O., late Royal Army Medical Corps.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Barrett and family, Albany House, 126 Rathgar road, desire to return sincere thanks for their many kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement.

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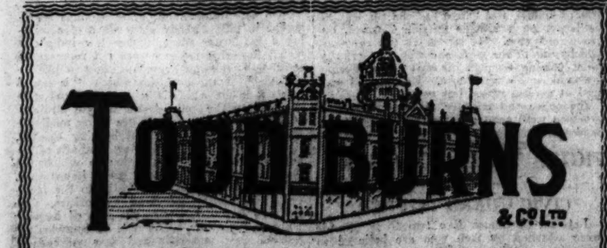

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FARM WAGES IN BRITAIN.

MINIMUM WAGES FOR WORKERS.

A meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board was held on the 18th December at 1 Whitehall Gardens, London, the Chairman, Lord Kenyon, presiding. The Board considered notifications from the Agricultural Wages Committees for Berkshire, Essex, Norfolk, and Anglesey and Carnarvon of their resolutions fixing minimum rates of wages, and proceeded to make the necessary orders carrying out the Committees' decisions and specifying the dates from which the rates shall become effective, the date specified being in each case the 29th December.

The minimum rates thus fixed and made effective are the first to be brought into force under the recent Agricultural Wages Regulation Act. In the case of adult male workers the rates are as follow:—

Berkshire—29s. 2d. for a week of fifty hours, the order to run up to the 30th September, 1925. Essex—30s. for a week of forty-eight hours up to the 8th February, 1925, and of fifty hours from then up to the expiration of the order, which will be three months from the date of operation. Norfolk—28s. for a week of forty-eight hours up to the first Monday in March, 1925, and from then 29s. up to the expiration of the order on the 10th October, 1925, with additional weekly sums of 5s. 6d. for workers employed as teamsmen, cowmen or shepherds, and of 4s. 6d. for those employed as sheep tenders or bullock tenders. Anglesey and Carnarvon—35s. for a week of fifty-eight hours in the case of workers employed wholly or mainly as horsemen, cowmen, shepherds or kwasmyn (bailiffs), and 30s. for fifty hours in the case of other adult male workers, the order to run up to the 13th May, 1925.

The orders in question include minimum rates for male workers under twenty-one, and also, except in the case of Anglesey and Carnarvon, for female workers.

The East Riding Agricultural Wages Committee, which met at Hull yesterday, fixed the maximum wages for boys and youths. The scale ranged from 18s. per week for boys of fourteen to fifteen years of age to 32s. for youths of twenty to twenty-one, over-time rates to be time-and-a-quarter on week days and time-and-a-half on Sundays. The wages of women were fixed at 5d. per hour, with over-time at 7½d. per hour, and for girls under sixteen at 4d. per hour, with over-time at the rate of 6d. per hour. Cottages, with two bedrooms, were valued at 2s. per week, and with three bedrooms at 3s. per week. Milk and potatoes are to be charged for at the wholesale prices current at the time of delivery.

BURGLARY IN LIMERICK.

Late on Saturday night the residence of Miss Dooley, Ennis road, Limerick, was burglariously entered, and a watch and £3 were taken. No arrests have been made.

OMAGH MAN'S OFFENCE.

REPRESENTING HIMSELF TO BE A POLICEMAN.

A peculiar story was told to Mr. Toppin, R.M., and other magistrates in the Belfast Custody Court, when James Clements, stated to be a native of Omagh, who had been charged on Christmas Eve with loitering and allowed by the Court to go back to hospital, again appeared in the dock, charged with falsely representing himself to be a policeman, and with attempting suicide in College Square Police Barracks on Saturday morning.

Constable Heron stated that he arrested the accused at the Great Northern Station about 7.30 on Saturday morning for falsely representing himself to be a policeman. When cautioned the prisoner said: "What is this for? I am always caught." The witness took him to College Square Barracks.

At 8.15 a.m., while the accused was in the guardroom, witness saw him pull a razor from his pocket. He opened it and said: "I will finish this talk about me." He was about to draw it across his throat when the witness caught his arm and took possession of the razor.

The prisoner said that he had no questions to ask.

The Court remanded him in custody until to-day.

ANCIENT GUILD'S FUNDS.

NOW REVERT TO THE CROWN.

Lord Morison, in the Edinburgh Court of Session, disposed of an action brought to determine the distribution of the funds of the Society of Barbers of Edinburgh. The society was originally incorporated with the surgeons of Edinburgh as one body under the name of the Surgeons and Barbers of Edinburgh in 1505.

In 1845 an arrangement was concluded between the surgeons and barbers, and the latter drew up rules and regulations which they called the laws of the Society of Barbers of the City of Edinburgh. The monopoly enjoyed by the members of the society was destroyed in 1846 by the passing of the Burgh Trading Act, which had the effect of diminishing the membership of the society, as there was small inducement to strangers to pay the heavy fees demanded from entrants. There are now no members, widows, or charitable purposes connected with the society to which the funds could be applied. It was suggested that incorporation might be set up again under the Burgh Trading Act, and the funds made available for the benefit of new members enrolled from the barbers of Edinburgh.

The Lord Advocate objected, and the judge decided that the funds, amounting to £300, should revert to the Crown.

If a new society is formed, application to the Crown for a grant from the funds can be made.

COMFORTING THE SICK.

FESTIVAL DAY IN THE HOSPITALS.

Christmas in the hospitals was not an unhappy event. On that day, indeed, sickness had many consolations, and it was gratifying to find a spirit of good cheer animating the patients, both young and old, in all the institutions. The children in many cases were boisterously merry. Turkey and plum pudding, Santa Claus and his toys, nursing staffs and concert parties, all had done noble work.

Overnight old Father Christmas flitted from ward to ward, and as he moved the sack on his back became lighter and lighter. In the morning the children awoke to find their stockings filled with pretty and useful gifts. They forgot their troubles, and with one accord brought forth their drums, cornerakes, tin trumpets, flutes and bugles, and began to play; and the "music" mingled in one great and joyful crash. The older patients, every one of whom, in a number of the hospitals, had been given a present, looked on with gladdened hearts.

ROTARY CHARITY.

The Dublin Rotary Club, which, for the sixth time in as many years, has come forward in the interests of the children in the hospitals, has completed its arrangements for the festival season. Already between 300 and 400 patients in the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, the Temple street Children's Hospital, the Orthopædic, and the Cappagh Convalescent Home, Finglas, have been visited and provided with toys and amusements. Toys have been sent to the inmates of St. Ultan's Infant Home. On Friday next a tea party, followed by a Christmas tree ceremony and a concert, will be held for the benefit of 400 cripple children in the Mansion House.

This year Mr. J. Walter Baggot, President of the Rotary Club, visited all the hospitals, and Rotarian W. D. Cunningham acted as the Club's Santa Claus. Rotarian M. M. Rowan was the chief organiser, and the committee which carried out the arrangements was comprised of the following:—Rotarian H. Sant, Cappagh Convalescent; Rotarians R. W. Archer and William Brown, Orthopædic; Rotarian J. S. McMahon, National Children's Hospital; and Rotarian C. V. Montgomery, Temple street. The Christmas treats cost the Club about £150 every year.

The Royal College of Surgeons also has done much in providing for the little sufferers in the hospitals.

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL AND MERCER'S.

At the Royal City of Dublin Hospital last Saturday the College of Surgeons' Dramatic Society gave a performance of the play, "The Lord Mayor." On Christmas Day every patient was given a present, and after dinner Mr. and Mrs. Lemass and party entertained the inmates and their friends. To-day further entertainment will be provided by a students' concert party; the nurses' dance will follow on Monday night, and the children's tea party on Tuesday.

Lady Ardilaun visited Mercer's Hospital, and supplied the ninety-two patients with a real Christmas dinner, consisting of turkey, ham, plum pudding, sweets, etc., and also a high tea. Yesterday Miss Lumsden and party gave a dramatic entertainment. To-day the nurses will have their "Christmas" dinner, and will hold their festival dance in the evening.

CHARITY FOR CHILDREN.

On Christmas Day there was a constant inflow of visitors to the National Children's Hospital. The wards were decorated with ivy, holly and festoons, and everything possible was done to provide for the comfort of the little ones. A gramophone was brought into use, and the children entered gaily into the spirit of the occasion.

Several hundred persons, young and old, were treated to a substantial dinner in the Mendicity Institute on Christmas Day. The fare consisted of roast and boiled beef, with vegetables, rice and currant pudding. Some parents had with them as many as eight or ten children. While on other days there had been no restriction for admission—want being the only passport—for this occasion printed cards entitling the recipients to admission were sent to the clergy for distribution among the most necessitous. The following were present at the dinner:—Canon Monahan, P.P.; the Rev. J. C. Irwin, B.D.; the Rev. E. MacCarthy, P.P., St. Paul's, and Messrs. J. M. Donaghy and W. Field.

The patients in the Blackrock and Leopardstown (Ministry of Pensions) Hospitals, who were incapacitated in the Great War, and who are now being trained for work, have been granted a holiday. Many have returned to their homes, but a fair number have remained in hospital. These latter had a real "merry Christmas."

AMONG THE EX-SOLDIERS.

Every man was supplied with tobacco or cigarettes and refreshment, free of charge. At the Blackrock institution on Christmas Day 209 ex-soldiers sat down to a sumptuous repast, there being on the menu turkey, roast beef, roast pork, plum pudding, sweets and fruit. They were joined by Dr. C. O'Reilly, D.S.O., M.C., acting as medical superintendent, and Mrs. O'Reilly. Dr. O'Reilly wished them all a happy Christmas, and thanked the staff for the work which they had done during the last twelve months. He was heartily cheered.

At 12 o'clock the medical superintendent (Dr. Graham), who was on "sick leave," visited the hospital, and chatted with the patients in the various wards. A special tea was provided at 5 o'clock, followed by a concert at 7. Yesterday, at 6.30 p.m., a whist drive was held. To-night 120 of the patients will be taken to the Olympia Theatre, and on their return a special tea will be supplied.

The 46 patients who remained in the Leopardstown Hospital were treated to a substantial dinner, and in the evening took part in a whist drive, for which there were 20 prizes.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

A visit paid to the Royal Hospital for Incurables at this season gives some idea of what kind hearts and hands can do to brighten the lives of the suffering patients. Christmas Day was celebrated in the usual time-honoured manner, and the inmates were made as happy as possible. The wards and spacious corridors were artistically decorated with evergreens, and an air of peace and contentment was everywhere apparent.

Thanks to the practical sympathy and kindness of a number of the Governors, a true Christmas dinner was provided. The menu consisted of turkey, chicken, ham, sausages, and vegetables, followed by plum-pudding, mineral waters, fruit, cakes, sweets, etc. Nothing was left undone by the Board of Governors (now numbering over 800) and the staff of the hospital to make the day a memorable and happy one for the patients, and the rules of the hospital were relaxed as far as possible. After dinner gramophone recitals, music and singing were enjoyed.

Amongst the Governors and friends of the charity who visited the wards and helped to carve and serve the dinner were:—Sir Walter Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman) and Lady Boyd; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer); Sir George Roche; James Mahony, Esq., and friends; E. P. Monks, Esq., J.P.; Patrick J. Brady, Esq.; Ian Grove White, Esq.; Dr. C. Preston Ball; Miss Bradshaw; Miss Mooney; W. H. Fry, Esq.; Dr. Trevor N. Smith (jun.); Miss Fletcher; George L. O'Connor, Esq., C.E.; Mrs. Gilfoyle; Miss Kennedy; Mrs. Vincent Kelly, Miss Redington Roche and Miss Boland.

All the arrangements were admirably carried out by Mrs. M. Legat (matron), Miss A. Morton (assistant matron), Dr. William J. Crawford (resident medical officer), the staff sisters and nurses of the hospital.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.

Christmas was enjoyed by patients of the National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, thanks to the generosity of friends of the institution. There was abundance of seasonable fare and the recreation halls and refectories were beautifully decorated by the sisters and nurses, patients helping. Dancing, which was commenced at 2 p.m., was kept up till 8 p.m., with an interval for tea. An enjoyable day came to a close with everyone present singing "Auld lang syne" and giving hearty cheers for the staff.

GENERAL WRANGEL'S FLEET.

BIZERTA, Sunday.

A Commission of Soviet shipping experts arrived here to-day to inquire into the condition of General Wrangel's Fleet, which is to be handed over to the Soviet authorities.—[Reuter.]

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

How New Year's Day is Celebrated.

IN many countries New Year's Day is celebrated with even greater zest than Christmas Day.

In Germany, for instance, I remember when I spent a winter there in pre-war days, that complimentary visits were exchanged between the merest acquaintances, and repeated expressions of goodwill passed from one to another. The last night of the old year is called *Sylvester Abend*, and, while the young people dance, the seniors celebrate it in a more religious manner. When the hour of midnight has struck a watchman on the church tower blows a trumpet to usher in the birth of the New Year.

At Frankfort on the Main, a pretty custom used to be observed, but I do not know whether it is still. On New Year's Eve the whole city made merry with songs, feasting, games, and family parties in every house. When the great bell in the cathedral tolled the first stroke of midnight, every house opened wide its windows. Leaning from them, with a glass in hand, the people cried as with one voice, "*Prosit Neujahr!*" At the last stroke the windows closed, and silence descended upon the city.

The most wonderful ceremonies connected with the New Year take place in China and Japan. In these countries, as well as in Corea, the beginning of the year, according to their calendars, comes between the 21st January and the 19th February, and it is considered the birthday of the whole community. When a child is born he is supposed to be a year old, and he remains thus until the changing seasons bring the annual birthday of the whole Mongolian race, when another year is credited to his account.

An excellent custom, and one that might well be imitated in Western lands, is that in China and Japan all debts must be paid and all grudges settled before the opening of the new year. Everyone is supposed to have new clothes for the occasion, and those who are too poor to buy them keep discreetly within their own walls.

In Japan the conventional garb for this festive occasion is light blue cotton, and everyone starts out to make calls. The Japanese are an extremely ceremonious people, and letters on rice paper are sent to those in distant parts, which convey complimentary and appropriate greetings.

In former days in no country was the new year more heartily welcomed than in Russia, but with the abolition by the Soviet of all religious rites it is to be feared that many of the customary observances will cease, as coming under the head of foolish superstitions.

In the rural parts of Russia the day began as a children's holiday. The village boys got up at sunrise, and filled their pockets with peas and wheat. They went from house to house, and as the doors were never locked entrance was easy. They then threw the peas upon their enemies and sprinkled the wheat upon their sleeping friends.

The Russians are very fond of fortune-telling, and on New Year's Eve the daughters of the house used to send their servants into the street to ask the names of the first person they meet, and many a lover has taken good care to be the first person met by the servant of the one he loves, and he then pressed his suit, usually successfully. At midnight each member of the family saluted every other member with a kiss, beginning with the head of the establishment, and then they retired after gravely wishing each other a happy New Year.

A. P. W.

Dance Frock of Hydrangea Blue Crêpe Romain, patterned with silver thread and trimmed white fox. Rows of diamente form the bretels.

MUSINGS IN A CAFE.

THE modern woman of all ages may be studied with ease at a café.

There the male middle-aged cynic can sit sipping his coffee and prolonging his feast of buns while he watches womankind. They are in their element, he thinks; tea, cakes, chatter—with a cigarette or two to follow, in the more up-to-date restaurants.

"In my day," he reflects, "these females would have been called ladies. There ar'nt any now!"

Poor fellow! He cannot march with the times; he is terrified of these independent women and what he calls "brazen" girls.

Look at the little table near the window. There are two girls sitting at it; their hair is shingled; they have milk and rose complexions, and they are well dressed in the straight up-and-down "slinky" style of the day.

They are smoking. The dark one has had three cigarettes—one after the other; the auburn haired girl is using an abnormally long holder (why does this make a woman look so reckless?) and they are drinking tea and eating many rich cakes. "How do they manage to keep those complexions?" he thinks. "Ah! I thought so," as from a little brocade bag he sees Miss Dark Hair take a mirror, a powder box, and puff, and proceed to calmly touch up her charming face. She sighs contentedly, leans back in her chair, and in a clear, cultured voice, "rotten music" (it was rather a good string band playing "La Bohème." "Why don't they have a decent jazz band, I wonder?"

Miss Auburn Hair is too busy gazing in her little mirror to reply.

At another table in a corner there is a woman alone, not very young. She is dressed in well-cut tweeds, and wears a mannish shirt and tie. She is drinking a liqueur instead of tea, whilst she studies earnestly a little notebook open before her. She sends for an evening paper and after reading the racing news, a close observer might have heard her utter a little word beginning with "D" in a low tone, but with emphasis.

Other women who may be studied at a café are the attendants.

There are restaurants where the waitresses are quick and deft, and interested in the customers' wants, but in the majority the attendants are often strangely afflicted with blindness and deafness, especially when a customer is in a hurry.

They have so much to say to each other, and it is often the would-be tea drinker who "waits," not the attendants!

Our middle-aged cynic has a soft heart, *au fond*. "Poor things, their life must be a trying one," he murmurs. But even he is exasperated when (after his coffee has become cold) rock buns are placed before him instead of the hot buttered toast he had ordered. A mild protest on his part, an indifferent "sorry" on hers, and the poor wretch goes away hungry.

Whilst musing and watching the cynic I find that I have consumed two shillings worth of tea, *eclairs* and cakes!

These musings must now cease.

SILENCE AND QUIET.

SOME old writer has said that "no person that is clamorous can be wise." This is an expression that everybody believes without reasoning about, because it falls in, as it were, with things already tried and proved by the great bulk of womankind; for all the feminine world is ready to do, say, or give "anything for a quiet life." One of the first lessons taught to our children is the necessity of acquiring this art. "Be quiet, child!" is an exhortation of as frequent occurrence in the nursery and the schoolroom as the famous "know thyself" was in the ancient groves of Academe.

Of course, physiologists will tell you that the lesson is by no means a profitable one to the child, and that it is inculcated mainly for the benefit of the grown-up world around, who dislike the noise which is a necessity of development to the young. So necessary is noise to the healthy development of children that whenever we meet with a child who is remarkable for its quietness we are apt to infer that it is a morbid or diseased state. In fact, the quiet life so much desired by adults is not natural or desirable during the years when existence goes on unconsciously. It is only when we begin to think about life, and how we should live, that the art of being quiet or silent assumes its real value. The wisdom of silence, indeed, can never be doubted by those who have felt the impress of the invisible powers upon their own minds when in that state, or have had opportunities of observing similar effects on the minds of children. It is when the mind is thus wisely passive that it is open to revelations and inspirations. How often have we met, and do meet, women whose face and manner are full of that composure and gentle quietude, under whose influence all our best feelings, so to speak, are excited. So it is with a quiet place—a place where order and fitness of details produce a unity of effect. It is what in common language may be called repose, and is the thing which we all seek—without knowing it—when we look upon a natural landscape or the beauty of a room. A quiet, comfortable room is full of beauty, and everybody loves it; a quiet, beautiful landscape is full of the comfort which all beauty brings to the refined mind. There are also refined minds which, having attained in perfection the art of silence and quiet, reflect their own harmony upon the landscape they look on or the room in which they are; they carry about with them repose and quiet, as the joyous minds carry with them sunshine and gladness.

G.G.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

SEAMEN AND THE HOMELESS ENTERTAINED.

Some forty seamen belonging to the crews of various boats lying in the port were entertained on Christmas Day in the Catholic Seamen's Institute, Sir John Rogerson's quay, Dublin. A well-served dinner was followed by a bright and varied musical programme, to which the guests themselves contributed.

The vocal contributions included songs in French and Spanish. A young Peruvian, Rodolfo Marsano, a member of the crew of the four-master Omega, delighted the company with his rendering of "*Somos Libres*" ("We are Free"), the National Anthem of Peru.

The Institute is a haven of refuge for Catholic seamen of all nationalities, and within its walls everything possible is done to entertain and elevate them. The Brothers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, by whom the Institute is conducted, regularly visit the boats which arrive in the port, and the amount of good work accomplished thereby cannot be over-estimated. The Institute was established early in 1910, and, in spite of the great strain of the war, the work has been carried on ever since without stop.

BACK LANE NIGHT SHELTER.

On Christmas Night over 100 homeless men were admitted to the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter, Back lane. The large hall of the new building was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and presented an animated appearance. After supper, which was served by members of the Committee, the men were supplied with tobacco, and at 7.30 an excellent concert commenced, which continued throughout the evening. Several leading artists gave their services, and a very attractive programme was provided, including fine specimens of step dancing.

The proceedings concluded with the *Tantu Ergo*, which was sung by the St. Laurence O'Toole's Boys' Choir.

A CHRISTMAS NIGHT "HOLD-UP."

BELGIAN METAL WORKER FIRED AT.

On Christmas night Mr. Louis Von Buloe, a Belgian metal worker on the staff of O'Gorman Bros., Clonmel, was "held up" on the way to his home, on a hillside outside Clonmel, by two armed men. He struck at the revolver held by one of the men, and was fired at, the bullet passing through his coat and inflicting a wound on his right arm. He ran and was fired at several times, but got away.

The police and military made searches and two men were arrested on suspicion, but were released afterwards.

FIGHT WITH POACHERS.

CIVIC GUARD INJURED.

Late on Christmas Eve two Civic Guards were attacked by men who are believed to have been poachers at Kilcommon, Nenagh, County Tipperary. One of the Guards received an injury to the head, and was taken to St. John's Hospital, Limerick, for treatment.

It is stated that two of the poachers, whose identity is unknown, were also injured in the affray.

"FORD AIRPORT."

A new aeroplane landing field, the donation of Henry and Edsel Ford, which was recently completed at Dearborn, Mich., will be known as "Ford Airport." The donation is in the interest of commercial aviation, for it is understood there is no intention on the part of the Ford Motor Company to go into the aeroplane business, other than to watch its development.

It is expected that the field will be the terminal for aeroplane companies now being formed to operate between Detroit and other large cities.

The field has two 300-foot runways, one 3,700 feet and the other 3,400 feet long, both in the direction of prevailing winds. More than twenty miles of draining tile was laid for quick drainage in wet weather, in order that the field might be suitable for year-round operation.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARRACKS.

NATIONAL SOLDIERS FEASTED

Christmas Day was celebrated with appropriate festivities in the various barracks in Dublin. Religious Services were conducted with full solemnity, and in the afternoon the troops were entertained with special Christmas fare.

In Collins Barracks Masses were celebrated at 7.30, 8, and a Missa Cantata at 9 a.m. by the Rev. S. Pigott, C.F. A specially augmented choir contributed appropriate music. The Garrison Church was artistically decorated. In the afternoon Christmas dinner was served in the recreation rooms, which were festooned for the occasion. The officers and N.C.O.'s served the dinner.

In Portobello Barracks Masses were celebrated at 8.30, 9.30, and at 10.30 a High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. R. J. Casey, C.F. The officers, N.C.O.'s, and men paraded under Colonel J. M'Guinness, Officer Commanding 7th Brigade. In addition to the sacred music the Army Band rendered choice musical numbers on the parade ground after the Masses. The Commanding Officer and the officers in charge of the various units stationed in Portobello Barracks in the afternoon entertained the troops to a dinner.

In M'Kee Barracks the Artillery and Remount Corps had the usual religious services. The Rev. J. Fahey, C.F., officiated. The dining hall was suitably decorated. Major Mulcahy and the officers left nothing undone to make Christmas Day as cheerful as possible for the N.C.O.'s and men under their charge.

In St. Brican's Hospital the patients for many weeks past have been looking forward to the coming of Christmas. Through the kindness of the staff a special prize was offered for the most artistically decorated ward, and St. Brican's Hospital on Christmas Day presented a joyful appearance. The Wounded Soldiers' Committee looked after the comforts of the patients, and helped the staff to make the day bright and memorable. A large number received Holy Communion at the Masses, and at noon the Rev. W. J. Byrne, C.F., gave Benediction. During the day the joys of home were brought to the patients by visits from many of their friends. Last night a wireless concert was given by Mr. W. Hogan, of Henry street, Dublin.

In Griffith Barracks the officers, N.C.O.'s and men, under Captain Coleman, paraded for Mass at 9 a.m. The guard of honour was supplied by the 23rd Battalion. The recreation hall presented a cheerful appearance, when the men were treated to a good Christmas dinner.

In Beggars Bush Barracks, owing to the kindness of the Officer Commanding the School of Music, the troops, with band, paraded to St. Patrick's Church Ringsend. On their return to barracks the bands were given a hearty Christmas meal.

In the Hibernian School, Phœnix Park, the traditional festivities were fully carried out by the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Irish-speaking battalion. The entire Services were conducted in Irish. Father O'Riordan, C.C., delivered a sermon on the feast. Several traditional hymns were rendered by the choir.

WEMBLEY NEXT YEAR.

TO INCLUDE HOUSING EXHIBIT.

Sir Lawrence Weaver, Director of United Kingdom Exhibits, told a representative of *The Observer* that the general appearance of the Exhibition at Wembley in 1925 ought to be much more beautiful. "The gardens," he said, "will have matured, and the external lighting, which was admittedly indifferent in 1924, will be greatly increased in brilliance. In these directions, and every other, 1925 will see a vast new Exhibition. The great palaces will not undergo any structural alteration externally, but the character of the display of the exhibits within and what may be called the exhibitors' architecture will be profoundly changed.

"The Exhibition in 1924 suffered from too much success in the matter of exhibits. The applications for space were immensely in excess of what was available. It was impracticable to exclude whole industries, and exceedingly difficult to reject applications from representative firms merely because they were late starters. In the result the exhibits were overcrowded, gangway space was cut down to a discomfort level, and the town-planning principles which ought to govern the lay-out of vast exhibition halls had perforce to be ignored.

"In 1925 these difficulties will not arise. Certain great industries, such as that of the textile machinery makers, made a great patriotic effort to show what the United Kingdom could do, and they did it at immense expense, regardless of what it would bring them in actual business. Naturally, such an effort cannot be repeated at an interval of six months.

"In the same way, the Paper-Makers' Association installed a great machine to demonstrate to the world that the United Kingdom leads in the field. But, again, the expense was too heavy to be repeated.

"On the other hand, some sections represented in 1924 already show signs of occupying a far larger space, and a few industries which for other reasons were not represented at all will make an important show in 1925.

"Amongst the novelties which it is hoped to stage is one which is being considered with great sympathy and interest by the Ministry of Health. Arrangements are being made for the organisation of a great housing exhibit, which would focus all the new methods of inexpensive cottage construction to which the Government attaches such great importance. Nothing could be of more value to the members and officials of local authorities, who have to face the urgent problem of housing their people, than to be able to compare the various new materials and new methods of using old materials for which so much is being claimed."

GALWAY FARMERS' DEPUTATION.

A deputation from the County Galway Farmers' Association waited on the Minister of Agriculture recently, with regard to the drainage of the swamped lands of Galway, credit system for farmers, the allocating of some of the money alloted for unemployment for the making of roads on certain estates, Land Commission defaulters and other matters, and were favourably received.

The deputation also waited on the Minister of Local Government, regarding the Loughrea sewerage scheme being made a county charge, and he promised to give the matter his consideration.

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BURGLARY IN LIMERICK.

Late on Saturday night the residence of Miss Dooley, Ennis road, Limerick, was burglariously entered, and a watch and £3 were taken. No arrests have been made.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

The following is a full report of the business done on the Dublin and Belfast Stock Exchanges last week in each department, except Consols and War Loans. The day on which the business was done is indicated by the initial letter in parentheses, and dealings in odd lots are marked by an asterisk:—

DUBLIN.

National Loan—92¾ (M.), 92¼ (T.).
Compensation Stock—90 (M.), 90 (T.).
Guaranteed Land—87 (M.), 86¼ (T.).
Land Act Stock, 3 p.c.—64⅞ (T.).
Belfast Water, 1920—95 (T.).
Do. 1953-8—89¼ (T.).
Bank of Ireland—274c, 5c (M.), 275c (T.).
Hibernian Bank—7¾ (T.).
Munster and Leinster Bank—*6½ (M.), 6¾ (T.).
National Bank—*20¼ (M.).
Cork and Muskerry—*42/6 (M.).
Dublin S.E. Pref.—*50¼ (T.).
Do. "A" Deb.—67¼ (T.).
Do. "L" Deb.—67¼ (T.).
Gt. Northern Ord.—55¼ (M.), 56 (T.).
Do. Pref.—57¼ (T.).
Gt. Southern Ord.—*35¼, *¼, *5 (M.), *35 (T.).
Do. Pref.—51 (M.), 51 (T.).
Do. Guar.—58 (M.), *57, 7 (T.).
Do. Deb.—69 (M.), 69¼ (T.).
Distillers Ord.—55/3, 9d. (T.).
Dublin Distillers—27/3 (M.).
Dublin Distillers Pref.—79/6 (M.).
Dublin Distillers Deb.—61½ (M.), *61¼ (T.).
Guinness—49⅞, ¾ (M.), 49¾, ¾ (T.).
Guinness Pref.—11¾ (M.).
Eastern Telegraph Deb.—79½ (T.).
Marconi—30/- (T.).
Dublin Tram Ord.—*6¾ (M.).
Dublin Tram Pref.—8¾ (M.), 8¾ (T.).
Parent Tyre Ord.—19/4½ x.d. (M.), *19/- (T.).
Parent Tyre Def.—36/- x.d. and b (M.).
Bolands Pref.—5¾ (M.).
Arnott Pref.—*70/- (M.).
Bleachers—64/9b, 65/-a (M.), 66/3 (T.).
Bradford Dyers—84/3 (M.).
British-American Tobacco—110/3, 6d., *11/- (M.).
Calicos—36/9 (M.), 37/9 (T.).
Coats—63/6 (M.), 63/6, *6d. (T.).
Sewing Cotton—60/9 (M.).
Fine Spinners—58/1½ (M.), 58/3 (T.).
Imperial Tobacco, Canada—28/- (M.).
Imperial Tobacco—88/- (M.), 88/- (T.).
Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—21/4½, 3d. (M.), 21/3 (T.).
Vickers—11/9 (M.).
Parkes Pref.—*11/6 (T.).
"Irish Times" 5½ p.c.—67/6 (T.).
British Controlled Oil Pref.—16/- (M.).
Courtaulds—68/10½, 6d., *7½d (M.), 68/-, 7/10½ (T.)
Courtaulds Pref.—18/6 (M.), 18/6 (T.).
Dunlops—10/3, 6d. (M.), 10/4½ (T.).
Radio Corp. Pref.—10⅛ (M.).
Shells—85/6 (M.), 85/9 (T.).
c—Cash. b—Bid. a—Asked.

BELFAST.

Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c. (1952)—72½ (W.).
Northern Banking Co. "A"—5½ (M.), 18 (W.).
Westminster Bank—18⅛ (M.).
Belfast and Co. Down Railway 4 p.c. Deb.—70½ (T.), 70½ (W.).

British-American Tobacco Ord.—110/- (T.).
Dunlop Rubber—10/6 (M.), 10/6 10/4½ (T.).
Dunville and Co.—13 (M.).
Fine Cotton Spinners Ord.—57/6 (M.).
Imperial Tobacco—87/10½ 88/- 88/3 (M.), 88/- (T.), 88/3 (W.).
Imperial Tobacco (Canada)—27/9 (M.).
Linen Thread Co. 5 p.c. Pref.—9½ (M.).
Rolls Royce—28/- (M.).
Robinson and Cleaver 5 p.c. Pref.—16/1½ (M.).
Shell Transport—86/- (M.).
White, Tomkins and Courage Ord.—26/- (M.).

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Agar Cross 5½ p.c. Debs. (£6 paid), 3½-4 pm. Anglo-Spanish Construction (Pes. 500), 2⅛-⅜. Do. 5 p.c. Debs. (£45 paid), 9½-8½ dis. Armstrong (£20 paid), ⅛-⅜ dis. Auckland (City of) (fully paid), 100-½. Australia 4½ p.c. 1940-60 (£32½ paid), ½-¼ dis. Ayrshire Electricity 4½ p.c. (£46 paid), ½ dis.-par. Belseri-Chardwar Tea Ord. (10/- paid), 4/6-5/6 pm. Do. Pref. (10/- paid), /3-/9 pm. Bradford Corporation 4½ p.c. 1940-50 (£59 paid), 1-1½ pm. Brisbane Tramways Trust 5½ p.c. 1944-54 (fully paid), 100¼-½. Buenos Ayres Western Railway 5 p.c. Notes (fully paid), 97-8. Bukit Tupah Rubber (12/6 paid), 4/-5/- pm. Candover Estates (£30 paid), 3½-2½ dis. Consett Iron 6 p.c. Debs. 101½-2½. Crittall Mfg. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 23/3-23/9. Galicia Nitrate 7 p.c. Deb., 99½-100½. German 7 p.c. (£60 paid), 6½-7 pm. Gillette Razor, 59½-60½. Greek 7 p.c. (£15 paid), 5½-6 pm. Hide and Co. Ord. (1/-), 2/3-2/6. Do. Pref. (fully paid), /9-1/3 pm. International Sleeping Car 6 p.c. Bonds (£40 paid), 1 dis.-par. Johnson and Phillips New (fully paid), 25/9-26/9. Leicester Corporation 4½ p.c. (£23½ paid), ½-½ pm. Lewis's 5 p.c. Debs. (£35 paid), par.-½ pm. Liquid Air, 24/-25/-. Mason (George J.) 7 p.c. Pref., 21/3-21/9. Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board 5 p.c. (£88 paid), ⅛-⅜ dis. Mid-European Corporation (£8 paid), 7½-½. National Cotton Printing Works 8 p.c. 1st Debs. (fully paid), 100-1. Neuchatel Asphalte 6 p.c. Debs. (£50 paid), 4½-5½ pm. Newcastle 4½ p.c. (£20 paid), ½-¼ dis. Perfetti Nitrate 7½ p.c. Debs., 94½-5½. Port of London 4½ p.c. (£5 paid), 1½-½ dis. Queensland 5 p.c. 1940-60 (fully paid), 102½-½. Sears (J. T.) 12½ p.c. Pref., 37/6-38/6. Spillers Milling 5½ p.c. Notes (fully paid), 99½-100½. S. Africa 5 p.c. (£69½ pd.), 1940-60, 2¼-½ pm. Southern Railway Pref. (£29½ paid), 1½-2½ pm. Staveley Trust (5/- paid), par.-/6 pm. Do. Defd., 3/3-4/3. Sudan 4 p.c. (£21 paid), 1½-2½ pm. Tingha (N.S.W.) Tin (5/- paid), 4/6-5/6. Walker (Peter) 8 p.c. Pref., 20/-21/-.

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET.

Wednesday's closing quotations:—Austin Ord., 8/10½; do. B Pref., 10/10½; do. 10 p.c. Prefd., 6/3; do. 4th Deb., 87½ x.d.; Birmingham Small Arms, 13/7½; Bluemel Brothers, 37/6; Bowden Brake, 6/3; Bretts Stamping, 22/-; Brooks (J.B.), 41/6; Calcott Brothers, 29/3; Components, 3/6; Coventry Chain, 30/9; Crossley Motors, 5/9; Dennis Brothers, 39/9; Enfield Cycle, 28/-; Fodens, 19/-; Guy Motors, 5/9; Halford Cycle, 43/- x.d. and bonus; Halley's Motor, 5/7½; Harper Bean, 2d.; Hughes Johnson, 22/-; Humber, 29/6; do. Pref., 18/-; James Cycle, 15/9; Leyland Motor, 4/6; Lucas (Jos.), 56/6; Mandslay, 8/-; Napier Ord., 26/-; do. Pref., 19/6; New Hudson, 15/6; Riley (Coventry), 9/6; Rolls Royce, 28/6; Rovers, 11/3; Rudge-Whitworth, 8/9; do. Pref., 64/-; S.T.D. Motors, 5/6; do. Pref., 11/10½; do. 8 p.c. Notes, 97½; Serck Radiators, 11/9; Singer and Co., 33/6; Smith (S.) and Sons Def. Ord., 1/-; Smith's Stamping, 23/3; Standard Motor, 48/-; Star Engineering, 4/-; Stevens (A.J.), 27/6; Straker Squire, 3d.; Swift, 8/6; do. Pref., 11/-; Triumph, 28/3; Vandervell (C.A.) and Co. Prefd., 4/1½; Vauxhall Motor, 5/9; Vulcan Motor, 3/-; Wolseley Motor Pref., 4/-; do. Deb., 70½; Dunlop Rubber, 10/4½; do. A Pref., 21/3; do. B Pref., 21/3; Leyland Rubber, 28/-; Parent Tyre Ord., 19/6 x.d.; do. Pref., 14/3 x.d.; do. Defd., 36/- x.d.; Stepney Tyres, 9/-; Tyre Investment, 4/6.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

BRITAIN STEAMSHIP CO.—Second interim dividend of 2½ per cent., free of tax.

JOHN CROSSLEY AND SONS.—Report for half year states profit was £64,583 and £10,025 was brought in. Directors recommend dividend of 3/- per share, less tax, on the Ordinary Shares, making 10 per cent. for the year, plus a bonus of 2/- per share, less tax, leaving £9,270 carried forward.

PETTERS ARREARS.—It is understood that warrants in respect of six months' dividend on the 7½ per cent. Preference Shares of Petters, the oil engine manufacturers, of Yeovil, have been posted. This payment will leave the dividend in arrear as from September 30th, 1921. At the annual meeting in July last a similar payment was declared from the profits for the year to March, 1924, but the Chairman then stated that unless some great change came over the fortune of the business it was difficult to see how the arrears could be liquidated in cash, and the directors had under consideration proposals for funding the arrears and would probably ask the Preference shareholders to accept shares in payment of the arrears due to them.

STANLEY BROTHERS.—The Preference Shares of Stanley Brothers, brick and tile manufacturers and colliery proprietors at Nuneaton, advanced in Birmingham on Wednesday on the reported proposal of the directors to pay two years' arrears of dividend on the Preference Shares, which are entitled to 6 per cent., tax free up to 6/-. The dividend is in arrears since 31st December, 1921. The debit balance at 31st. December, 1922, was £27,917.

STARKEY KNIGHT AND FORD.—Dividend of 17½ per cent., previous year 15 per cent.

SCRASE'S BREWERY.—Dividend of 13 per cent., less tax, previous year's dividend 5 per cent.

WALTER SOMERS, LTD.—Reports for the two years ended March, 1923, and 1924 have been issued simultaneously. Debit balance of £105,462 in 1923 had been increased to £137,274 on 31st March, 1924. Report for 1923 was delayed owing to an action in the High Court relating to excess profits duty, which was decided against the company.

TRAFFICS.

Canadian Pacific Railway—Week to December 21, $3,624,000, decrease $581,000. Buenos Aires Lacroze Tramways—Week to December 21 £14,841, decrease £40. Buenos Aires Central Railway—Week to December 21 £12,659, increase £114. Argentine Transandine—Week to December 20 £3,066, decrease £377. Madras and Southern Mahratta—Week to November 29, Rs.1,420,000, increase Rs.56,255. South Indian—Week to November 29, Rs.908,500, decrease Rs.44,657.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

TREASURY NOTE CIRCULATION EXCEEDS MAXIMUM LIMIT.

This week's Bank return shows some wide movements in connection with the end of the year demands for cash. Other securities have risen £11,192,000, representing the market borrowings at the Bank of England during the early part of the week, while £4,295,000 has been added to public deposits, £748,000 more in Bank notes has gone into circulation, and the reserve consequently shows a reduction of £4,235,000 to £18,522,000. The net result is a gain of £2,529,000 to the private deposits, while the ratio of reserve to liabilities has dropped from 19.0 per cent. to 14.6 per cent.

The currency note circulation, as anticipated, has exceeded the maximum fiduciary issue, there being an increase on the week of £5,811,000 to £302,095,000. As a result the total of Bank notes in the redemption account has been augmented £3,500,000.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

SHARP RISE IN ARGENTINE DOLLARS.

Saturday was an idle day in Lombard street, and business in loans was practically restricted to borrowing over the turn of the year. As a precautionary measure a further moderate amount was borrowed at the Bank of England, and a few bills were also discounted at the central institution, while outside weekly money was renewed at 3½ p.c., and new loans were granted up to 4½ p.c. Day-to-day money was in abundant supply, renewals going on at 2¾ p.c. and fresh money being offered at 2 down to 1½ p.c.

Bank Rate (Discount changed July 5, 1923), 4%

60 days (fine)	3⅝				
3 months	3⅝	3⅞%	Trade	4	4½%
4 months	3⅝	3⅞%		4⅛	4⅝%
6 months	3⅝	4 %		4½	5 %
Loans to brokers day-to-day				2¾	1½%
for a week				2¼	4 %
Deposit allowance: Banks at call				2	%
Discount houses, at call				2	%
at notice				2¼	%

There was nothing doing in discounts and rates were merely nominal. Two and three months' bills were called 3⅞ p.c., and the new Treasuries were quoted at 3⅞ p.c. Supplementary Treasuries were again placed on "tap" for Monday, the rate being unaltered at 3½ p.c.

The foreign exchange market was very quiet and rates showed little change. Sterling on New York was firm at 4.71, and francs maintained their recent improvement. Lire cheapened to 109.87, and Dutch florins were weaker, other Continental rates being steady. A further spurt occurred in the Argentine exchange to 45⅜d.-45⅞d., and all other South American currencies were slightly dearer. Eastern exchanges showed no material change. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 27.		December 26.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.64¾	11.64⅞	11.63	11.63½	12.10
B. Ayres	45⅜	45⅞	45⅛	45⅜	47.58
Barcelona	33.69	33.69	33.79	33.81	25.22
Berlin	19.77	19.80	19.65	19.75	20.40
Bombay	1/6¾	1/6⅝	1/6¾	1/6⅝	2/0
Brussels	94.70	94.80	94.52	94.57	25.22½
Calcutta	1/6¾	1/6⅝	1/6¾	1/6⅝	2/0
Christiania	31.20	31.25	31.20	31.25	18.15
Copenhagen	26.63	26.68	26.62	26.69	18.15
Czecho-Slov	155½	156½	155	155¾	—
Finland	186¾	187¾	186	187	25.22½
Greece	260	262	256	261	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/4	2/4¼	2/4	2/4¼	—
Hungary	342,000	348,000	340,000	350,000	—
Italy	109.85	109.90	109.95	110.00	25.22½
Lisbon	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.67	33.69	33.79	33.83	25.22½
Mexico	24	25⅞	24⅞	25⅞	24½d.
Montreal	4.72½	4.73	4.70½	4.71	4.86
Montevideo	50⅞	50⅞	49⅞	50⅞	51d.
New York	4.71	4.71⅛	4.69⅞	4.70	4.86
Paris	87.22	87.30	87.15	87.40	25.22
Poland	24.40	24.60	24.35	24.55	25.22½
Rio de Jan	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	5¾	16d.
Roumania	9.15	9.25	9.15	9.18	—
Shanghai	3/2½	3/2¾	3/2½	3/2½	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.47	17.49	17.40	17.44	18.15
Switzerland	24.24	24.28	24.18	24.22	25.22
Valparaiso	40.20		40.30		13.33
Vienna	332,000	335,000	330,000	335,000	—
Yokohama	1/7⅜	1/7⅝	1/7⅜	1/7⅝	4.6

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

THE LIPTON SLUMP.

The slump in Liptons on the passing of the interim dividend will not have come completely as a surprise to readers of these notes, as the over-valuation of the shares has been frequently commented upon here (writes the *Investors' Chronicle*). In June, when final dividend for last year was reduced and the total for the year was cut to 10 per cent., as compared with the 12½ per cent. maintained for the previous six years, trading profit revealed a decline from £337,057 to £292,245. It was then pointed out that the shares looked fully valued at 27s. cum dividend, as a yield of 7¼ per cent. could not be considered excessive, having regard to the heavy prior preference dividend (£104,000) and debenture interest (£56,000). The shrinkage in profits was officially attributed to "the continued fall in the market values of most of the chief commodities which the company supplied to the public, and the consequent writing down of the stocks." It is now being recalled that dividends paid have prevented the company since 1920 from adding to its reserves, while the carry forward in the last few years has been slender in relation to the size of the company. The shares have fallen to 24s., and are likely to show a still lower figure when the reasons for the board's decision to withhold the interim transpire. My information is that losses have been sustained in connection with Australian, Egyptian, and Belgian business, and that various foreign branches have been closed. I hear also that Mr. H. L. Peters, who was vice-chairman when the accounts were issued last June, has resigned. A new managing director has been recently appointed—he will be the third in the short period of three years! A more detailed statement than that issued in connection with the passing of the interim dividend would certainly appear desirable.

THE OUTLOOK.

Quiet conditions may be expected to prevail in the coming week (says the *Sunday Times*), but some allowance must be made for New Year optimism, which on this occasion is more sincere than has been the case for two years past, the reason being that it is felt that under sound and stable government the country should get back into a condition of prosperity. Not only is our own national finance being handled on prudent lines, giving rise to the hope that a reduction in taxation may be possible before long, but the solid progress made during the past year with the restoration of Continental economic conditions is of good augury for the future. There is every reason to expect that investment securities under the lead of British Funds will continue to trend upwards, while as regards the more speculative markets the essential factor of confidence is present to lead to greater activity. The boom in Tea Shares by which 1924 has been distinguished is by no means over, though discrimination is more than ever necessary with prices at their present level. In the case of Rubber Shares there seems to be plenty of scope for further improvement, in view of the steadily increasing strength of the statistical position and the possibility—to place it no higher—that the coming year will see the price of rubber back in the neighbourhood of 2s. per lb. We look for greater attention being paid to this market in the New Year than has been the case for a long time past.

ARGENTINE RAILWAY DIVIDENDS.

With something more definite to go upon as regards crop prospects, Argentine Railway Stocks on Wednesday had an appreciable advance. It is not likely that the harvest will come up to that of 1923-24—indeed, a shortage seems inevitable; but beneficial rains are reported which will prevent any further deterioration, and the outlook is far from unsatisfactory. Whatever the ultimate result, however, the companies will have saved considerably on exchange operations, and such saving should compensate for any loss of traffic arising from reduced crops. At least, there should be maintenance of the 1923-24 dividends in the case of the "Big Four," and the prospect is for the distribution on the Buenos Ayres Western being increased. Current prices, with yields based on 1923-24 dividends, are given below:—

	1923-24 Dividend p.c.	Price.	Yield p.c. £ s. d.
B.A.G. Southern	7	86½	8 2 0
B.A. Western	6	75	8 0 0
B.A. Pacific	7	79½	8 16 7
Central	6	72¾	8 5 7

LONDON, MIDLAND AND SCOTTISH NEW CAPITAL.

Unusual interest attaches to the special general meeting of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company on January 9, at which the proprietors will be asked to sanction the creation of new stock to an amount not exceeding £15,488,106, together with debenture stock to the extent of £9,717,077. The total amount concerned is thus £25,205,183. This is a record sum for shareholders in a British railway to be asked to approve, and it is assumed that the explanation lies in the overspent capital account and the attitude which the Railway Rates Tribunal has taken up in regard to the extent to which capital expenditure is to be entitled to rank for dividend purposes under the standard revenue provisions of the Railways Act, 1921.

The transfer books of the Grand Canal Company's debenture stock will be closed from 9th to 14th January, both days inclusive.

PORTER EXPORTS.

John D'Arcy and Son's exports of porter, stout, and ale for 1924, 2,966 barrels.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
NEW YORK, Saturday.

Stocks opened strong, with Coppers again leading the advance. Equipment issues were buoyant, on increased Railroad buying and expectations of further orders. Some special stocks advanced violently, owing to limited floating supplies, and general gains of 1 to 12 points were recorded. The market closed strong. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,050,000 shares. Money on call dull and nominal. Sterling exchange firm; silver ⅛c. lower for foreign mined at 66⅞. Gold to the value of 150,000 dollars has been engaged for export to India.

RISES:—Atchison Topeka Preferred 3¼, Anaconda Copper ⅞, Utah Copper 1, New York Consolidated Gas, and Pan American Petroleum Ordinary ⅞; U.S. Steel Common ⅞, Bethlehem Steel Common ⅞, and General Motors New 1⅛.

FALLS:—Chesapeake and Ohio Common ⅞, Illinois Central, Wabash Preferred, and National Lead ⅛; Louisville and Nashville 1, Norfolk and Western Common 1⅛, and International Mercantile Marine Preferred ⅞.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas 5 p.c. Adjustment Bonds declined ⅞.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

For the month of November—New York Central, gross 29,511,000 dollars; decrease 2,910,000 dollars.

Missouri Pacific, gross 11,240,000 dollars; increase 946,000 dollars.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, gross 13,674,000 dollars; decrease 2,000 dollars.

Erie, gross 9,545,000 dollars; decrease 1,343,000 dollars.

Reading, gross 7,668,000 dollars; decrease 345,000 dollars.

Texas and Pacific, gross 3,253,000 dollars; increase 3,000 dollars.

Wabash, gross 5,521,000 dollars; decrease 145,000 dollars.

Chicago and North Western, gross 11,680,000 dollars; decrease 1,055,000 dollars.

Baltimore and Ohio, gross, 18,733,000 dollars; decrease 1,324,000 dollars.

Illinois Central, gross 14,605,000 dollars; decrease 658,000 dollars.

Pennsylvania, gross 52,071,000 dollars; decrease 4,043,000 dollars.

Call Money	4-b 48s	Nom.
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.67⅞	4.69
Do. do Demand Bills	4.70⅜	4.71⅜
Cable Transfers	4.70⅞	4.72
Do. Montreal	4.72⅞	4.73⅞
Exchange Paris, cable	5.39½	5.40½

Eng. Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices. Fri.	Business Done. Sat.
108⅛	U.S. Funded	102⅞	102⅞
12⅞	Atch. Top., Santa Fe	118⅜	118⅜
104⅛	Do. Preference	95⅜	96
[illegible]	Baltimore and Ohio	78½	80⅞
158⅞	Canadian Pacific	150⅛	151
99⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	94⅛	94
18⅞	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	16	15⅜
73⅞	Chicago and N.-West	71⅛	71
32⅞	Erie Shares	31	30⅞
47⅞	Erie 1st Preferred	45	45
75⅛	Great Northern Pref.	71	71⅞
121⅞	Illinois Central	115⅞	115
82⅞	Lehigh Valley	75	77⅞
113⅞	Louisville & Nashville	108⅞	107⅞
30⅞	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	[illegible]	[illegible]
33⅞	Missouri Pacific New	31⅞	[illegible]
5⅞	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	5	5
5⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]
126⅞	N.Y. Cnt. & Hudson R.	118⅞	119⅞
139⅞	Norfolk and West Com.	133	131⅞
73⅞	Northern Pacific Com.	[illegible]	70⅞
27⅞	Ontario and Western	25	[illegible]
51	Pennsylvania Shares	48	48⅞
79⅞	Reading Shares	78⅞	79
40⅞	Do. Preferred	39	39
83⅞	Southern Railway	78⅞	79⅞
105⅞	Southern Pacific	102⅞	102⅞
58⅞	Texas and Pacific	55⅞	55⅞
158⅞	Union Pacific	149⅞	149⅞
79⅞	Do. Pref.	74⅞	74⅞
22⅞	Wabash Common	20⅞	21⅞
60	Do. Preferred A.	57⅞	57⅞
105⅞	American Smelt. and Refining	99⅞	99⅞
51⅞	Anaconda Copper	46⅞	47⅞
26⅞	British-American Tobacco Ord.	25	25⅞
93⅞	Utah Copper	87	89
81⅞	New York Consolidated Gas	76⅞	76⅞
311⅞	General Electric	294	294⅞
169⅞	National Lead	160⅞	160
127	United States Steel Common	119⅞	119⅞
129⅞	Do. Pref.	122⅞	122⅞
52⅞	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	49⅞	49⅞
—	Silver Commercial Bars	66⅞	66⅞
70⅞	General Motors (New)	65⅞	66⅞
14⅞	Inter. Mer. Marine Com Certs.	13⅞	13⅞
46⅞	Do. Pref. Certs.	44⅞	44
53⅞	Royal Dutch Ordinary	50⅞	50⅞
41⅞	Shell Ordinary	39⅞	39⅞
67⅞	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	63⅞	64
19⅞	Anglo-American Oil	18⅞	18⅞
22⅞	Snell Union Oil Corp.	21⅞	21⅞
43	U.S. Rubber	40⅞	40⅞
	BONDS.		
94	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort	88⅞	88⅞
67⅞	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	63⅞	63⅞
—	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	—	—
—	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	—	—
110⅞	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104⅞	104⅞
122⅞	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	115⅞	115⅞
—	Do. do. 1937	105⅞	—

*Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex interest. § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT firm, 1¼c. to ⅞c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	192	190⅞
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	201	199⅞
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	192	190⅞
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	209	208⅞

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	370	420	196,742	150,570
Clearances	625	452	181,325	135,362

(In thousands of bushels.)

RYE—No. 2 spot, 161.
BARLEY—American malting, 102½.
MAIZE steady, ½c. dearer.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot	144	143½

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	12	153	5,285	6,694
Clearances	—	43	1,477	1,909

(In thousands of bushels.)

LARD firm, 32½ to 35 points dearer. Prime Western steam, 17.80; Middle West, 17.45 to 17.55.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent. 7.50 to 8.00.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per qr.—2/6-3/-.
Ditto to Continent, per 100lbs.—12c -14c.
Cotton—High density, to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—35c.
Ditto—Standard bales—50c.

RUBBER nominal. First latex crepe 38⅞ buyers, 39 sellers; smoked ribbed sheets 38⅞ buyers, 39 sellers.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	1.10	1.10
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Pennsylvania crude	3.00 3.10	2.75 2.85

COFFEE opened irregular, 8 points higher to 5 points lower. Some liquidation was offset by favourable Brazilian market advices and a buying movement developed by importers, commission houses, trade interests and New Orleans houses. The market closed firm, 46 to 25 points up. Spot firm and unchanged: Rio No. 7 spot, 23½; Santos No. 4 spot, 27¼. Approximate day's sales, 40,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	22.00	21.40	20.30
Prev. day	21.60	20.94	19.97
	June.	July.	Sept.
To-day	20.00	19.65	18.95
Prev. day	19.70	19.40	18.70

SUGAR steady, 4 points up to unchanged. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady, 3 points lower. 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.59. Approximate day's sales, 10,000 tons.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
To-day	2.78	2.82	2.92	3.08	3.17
Prev. day	2.76	2.79	2.90	3.03	3.13

To-day's Cuban sugar sales—33,000 bags at 4.66 for shipment first half of January and 7,000 bags at 4.59 for prompt shipment.

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 10¼.

COTTONSEED OIL firm. Prime summer yellow spot, 11.40. Options—Jan., 11.52; March, 11.81; May, 12.25; July, 12.49.

SHELLAC—T.N. spot, 64.

TURPENTINE — Spirits of turpentine, 84; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 77½.

RESIN—Grade F, 6.35; K, 6.70; WW, 8.65.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 8.10; heavy-weight, 9.90.

METALS.—Tin steady and unaltered; spot, 58.12½; future option, 58.25. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady, 9.92½. Zinc steady and unaltered; East St. Louis spot, 7.70. Iron steady and unchanged; No. 2 American Northern foundry, 23.00 to 23.50. Electrolytic Copper steady; spot, 14½; futures, 14⅞. Steel—Bessemer rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat strong, 4c. up; No. 2 hard winter spot, 181½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat firm; No. 2 red winter spot, 198.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat easy, 1½c. down; No. 1 Northern spring spot, 174½.

DULUTH—Flaxseed—May, 307½.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed—March, 19.60.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened barely steady, ½c. down to unchanged, and closed barely steady, ¼c. to ½c. cheaper. Opening options—May, 188; July, 185½. Closing options—May, 188; July, 184½. Oats steady and unchanged. Closing option—Dec., 66. Flaxseed—May, 275½.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	40	24
No. 2 Northern	58	66
No. 3 Northern	68	44
No. 4 Northern	60	48
Other grades	104	99
Total	330	281

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened firm, 8 to 18 points higher, and showed strength for a while owing to firmness at New Orleans, improved Wall street conditions, expected decrease in the movement, trade buying and Wall street support. Partial reactions followed under Southern selling, but the market rallied again on a better public inquiry, bull support and the improved spot situation. The market closed very steady, 61 to 45 points up. Spot steady at 50 points rise. New Orleans spot 50 points dearer.

The current week's receipts of cotton at the ports are estimated to total 200,000 bales.

Spot middling upland at New York, 24.80.
Spot middling upland at New Orleans, 24.60.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 29,000 bales; Gulf ports, 56,000 bales; Pacific ports, 1,000 bales; interior towns, 31,000 bales. Exports—Great Britain, 13,000 bales; Continent, 5,000 bales; Japan, 3,000 bales.

New York futures in last twenty seconds of trading:—Dec., unquoted; Jan., lowest 24.33, highest 24.33; Feb., 24.52, 24.52; March, 24.75, 24.78; April, 24.69, 24.89; May, 25.05, 25.10; June, 25.11, 25.11; July, 25.17, 25.28; Aug., 24.77, 24.77; Sept., 24.65, 24.65; Oct., 24.65, 24.65; Nov., 24.65, 24.66.

New Orleans futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 24.55, highest 24.67; May, 24.65, 24.67.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

WHEAT opened irregular, ⅛c. up to ¼c. down. The disappointing export demand and easier Liverpool cables caused early recessions, but the market reacted on unfavourable weather reports, smaller interior receipts, outside support, decreasing stocks and active covering of shorts. Declines followed owing to commission houses selling and bulls unloading, the market closing barely steady, ⅛c. higher to ¼c. lower. Spot inactive.

	To-day.	Prev. day.	
No. 2 Hard Winter spot	Nom.	175⅞	
No. 3 Hard Winter spot	Nom.	172⅞	
Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May.	
To-day	177⅛	180⅞	
Prev. day	—	176⅞	
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	177⅞	180⅛	153⅞
Prev. day	177⅞	181⅛	154⅞

	To-day.	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	629	787	326,989	249,833

(In thousands of bushels.)

MAIZE opened barely steady and unchanged to ⅛c. down owing to large receipts, a poor cash inquiry and slack outside demand; then rallied on covering of shorts, in sympathy with wheat and under bull support. Subsequently prices weakened again owing to larger country offerings and realising sales, and the market closed barely steady, ⅛c. lower to unchanged.

	To-day.	Prev. day.	
Spot No. 2 mixed	126⅞	Nom.	
Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	
To-day	127⅞	131⅞	
Prev. day	124⅞	129⅞	
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	126⅞	131⅞	132
Prev. day	127⅞	131⅞	132

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.)	943	1,132	121,912	130,499

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS steady, unchanged to ⅛c. dearer.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	61⅞	66⅞	64⅞
Prev. day	61⅞	65⅞	64⅞

RYE—No. 2 spot, unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May
To-day	151	157⅞
Prev. day	152⅞	158⅞

PROVISIONS opened irregular, and prices advanced afterwards owing to the firmness of hogs, a fair cash demand, investment buying, covering of shorts and light offerings, and the market closed firm, with lard 27½ to 35 points and ribs 70 to 67½ points up.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.95	17.20	17.40
Prev. day	16.67½	16.85	17.12½
Ribs—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.40	—	16.70
Prev. day	15.70	—	16.02½

BACON firm at 50 points rise. Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average)—16.00.

HOGS firm. Light descriptions are 25 to 10 points higher and heavy 10 points dearer to unchanged. Light hogs—9.00 to 10.35; heavy—10.50 to 10.80.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	85,000	65,000
Chicago	12,000	10,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st total 7,891,000, against 7,498,000 same season last year. The week's hog pack at Chicago totalled 163,000, compared with 267,000 last week and 187,000 in the corresponding week last year.

TROPICAL PRODUCE MARKET SMALL.

FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.
LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Business has been on the small side owing to the holidays, though the tone in most commodities has remained firm.

In the palm oil section Lagos and soft regulars have been sought after, and in consequence prices have hardened 6s. 3d. per ton. Medium and hard regulars, on the other hand, have only taken up a little of the passing business, and in their case values are unchanged to 2s. 6d. higher. America continues an active inquiry, while the Northern Continent has also shown a keener desire to do business. Oil on the spot and near at hand still commands a premium over later months, that of softs, February and March, being 12s. 6d. and in medium and hards 7s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per ton. Exports for November totalled some 2,979 tons, of which America took half, the remainder being divided between Italy, the Netherlands and Russia. Exports for the eleven months totalled 24,008 tons, against 27,760 tons for the twelve months last year and 19,839 tons in 1922. Sales during the week totalled 1,000 tons, with Lagos quoted at £44 6s. 3d., Sherbro £43 15s., Benin £44, and Niger £43 16s. 3d.

Palm kernels have been a dull market, and, with importers and crushers prepared to look on at present high levels, dealers have had to offer inducements in the shape of lower figures. There have been buyers of October-December and November-January at £22 17s. 6d., January-March £22 15s., and February-April £22 12s. 6d. Hull consumers have bought but sparingly at £22 17s. 6d. for December-January and £22 15s. 6d for January-February. Fines afloat and December-January shipment offer at £23 and £22 17s. 6d. respectively, with more sellers than buyers in evidence.

Copra continues scarce, though the demand for accommodation is by no means large. Marseilles is still a featureless market, with F.M. Straits, December-January shipment, offering at £29 15s. Sundried West African rules at £29 5s. per ton.

In the ground nuts section decorticated Nigerian has been on the quiet side, with afloat obtainable at £27, December-January £24 15s., and January February £24 10s. Refined oils steady, but little business passing. Ground nut oil dull at 63s.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS.

SATURDAY.

Wind and Weather—S.S.W. to W. wind; fresh breeze; dull and overcast; showery with squalls.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Havdrot, of Christiania (Norway), 713 tons register (Captain Lydersen), from Genoa, Castellon and Malaga, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds North Wall Extension; ss. Narragansett, of Barrow, 4,906 tons register (Captain Tyrrell), from New York, with a cargo of oil; discharging at Alexandra Wharf, Alexandra Basin.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Lady Louth, from Liverpool, with passengers, etc.; ss. South Stack, ss. Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. J. and J. Monks from Garston, with coals; ss. Saint Kenneth, from Troon, with coals; ss. Nugget, from Glasgow, with coals; ss. Plasma, from Irvine, with coals.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Lady Louth, for Liverpool, with passengers, etc.; ss. Slievemore, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Wimborne, for London, with goods; ss. Carrowdore, for Manchester, with stout.

SUNDAY.

Wind and Weather—W. to W.N.W. wind; fresh breeze; fine and clear.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Maple, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Brier, from Heysham, with goods; ss. Alyn, ss. Puffin, ss. Briarfield, from Garston, with coals; ss. Glenageary, from Partington, with coals; ss. Sard, from Ayr, with coals; ss. Aysgarth Force, from London, with cement.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Sarah Brough, for Fleetwood, light; ss. St. Fintan, ss. St. Kenneth, for Garston, light; ss. Sapphire, for Newport, light; ss. J. and J. Monks, for Liverpool, light; ss. Comber, for Glasgow, light; ss. Glencullen, for Partington, light; ss. Plasma, for Cardiff, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ANDES, Southampton for Rio de Janeiro, called Bahia 26.
ADRIATIC, for New York, left Liverpool 27.
ARCHIMEDES, from Liverpool, arr. New York 27.
ADRIATIC, Liverpool for New York, arrived and left Queenstown 28.
ALCINOUS, Liverpool for Sourabaya, arrived Gibraltar 26.
BARRACOO, for West Africa, left the Mersey 27.
BOLTON, Tyne for Karachi, arrived Port Said 25.
COLUMBIA, for New York, left the Clyde 27.
CITY OF PARIS, from Bombay, arr. the Mersey 27.
COLUMBIA, for New York, left Moville 27.
CHINDWIN, for Rangoon, left the Mersey 27.
CITY OF LAHORE, for London, left Perim 27.
CERAMIC, from Australia, arrived Liverpool 26.
CITY OF PEKIN, from Hull, arr. New York 27.
CAMERONIA, for Glasgow, left New York 27.
DEVONIAN, for Boston, left the Mersey 27.
DORIC, New York for Liverpool, arrived and left Queenstown 28.
DARIAN, from Manchester, arrived Boston 27.
DEMERARA, La Plata for Liverpool, arr. Lisbon 28.
DIRECTOR, from Liverpool, arrived Vancouver 26.
DESEADO, Buenos Ayres for London, called Rio de Janeiro 24.
EDINBURGH CASTLE, for Port Natal, left Southampton 26.
HIAGOA MARU, for Japan, left the Clyde 27.
ESSEX, for Australia, left Manchester 27.
HERSCHEL, for London, left Rio de Janeiro 26.
HAKONE MARU, from Yokohama, arrived Gravesend 26.
KITANO MARU, from London, arrived Kobe 28.
KIOTO, from New York, arrived Mersey 26.
KASHMIR, from London, arrived Malta 26.
KENILWORTH CASTLE, Southampton for Port Natal, called East London 27.
KIOTO, from New York, arrived Manchester 28.
KIOTO, from New York, arrived Eastham 27.
LAGUNA, for London, left Antofagasta 27.
LOBIGA, from Clyde, arrived Guayaquil 26.
LA PAZ, from London, arrived Talcahuano 26.
MARLOCH, for Liverpool, left St. John's 26.
MELTONIAN, from Liverpool, arrived Norfolk 26.
MALDA, from London, arrived Calcutta 27.
NEBRASKA, from Liverpool, arrived Seattle 24.
NORE, for London, left Calcutta 26.
NORWEGIAN, from Liverpool, arr. New Orleans 26.
NEURALIA, for Southampton, left Bombay 24.
ORCADES, Brisbane for London, arrived Suez 27.
OSTERLEY, London for Brisbane, arr. Colombo 27.
OXONIAN, from Liverpool, arr. St. John's, N.B., 25.
ORTEGA, from Liverpool, arrived Santos 24.
OROPESA, Valparaiso for Liverpool, arrived [illegible] 26.
PAGUANA, from Santa Marta, arrived Garston 26.
PARIS, Havre for New York, arrived Plymouth 26 and proceeded.
SOPHOCLES, from London, arrived Brisbane 26.
SUWA MARU, Yokohama for London, arr. [illegible] 26.
SAMBRE, from London, arrived Bahia 27.
SWYNFORDIAN, from London, arrived Rio de Janeiro 26.
TURAKINA, Wellington for London, arr. [illegible] 26.
ULYSSES, Liverpool for Brisbane, left Las Palmas 26.
WARWICKSHIRE, from Liverpool, arrived Rangoon 27.
WINIFREDIAN, from Liverpool, arrived Boston 25.
LYONS MARU, for Liverpool, left Kobe 24.

A YEAR'S WORK.

THE OIREACHTAS IN 1924.

LEGISLATION IN THE FREE STATE.

POLITICAL PROGRESS AND PERILS.

It is now possible to review the proceedings of the Parliament of the Free State—the *Oireachtas*—during the year 1924. It seems better, owing to the large amount of legislation, to group the subjects dealt with in preference to attempting a chronological record.

In the first half of the year delay in the appointment of a Boundary Commission in pursuance of Article 12 of the Treaty was frequently discussed. The Northern Government having definitely declined to nominate a member, an Act identical with one passed by the British Parliament was passed in October, comprising an agreement between the British and Free State Governments as to the nomination of a member to represent Northern Ireland interests.

The Commission has been constituted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Justice Feetham (a member of the Judicature of South Africa); Free State representative, Dr. Eoin MacNeill; Northern Ireland representative, Mr. J. R. Fisher. The Commissioners, with Mr. F. Bourdillon, the Secretary to the Commission, visited the boundary districts in December, and invited public bodies, etc., to give evidence at future sittings of the Commission.

Debates regarding the *status* of the Free State in international affairs, and its position in respect of treaties made by the Imperial Government, arose on the submission to the *Oireachtas* of the draft articles of agreement for the regulation of the United States liquor traffic. A Free State plenipotentiary has been accredited to the United States Government at Washington.

DAIL AND SENATE.

The question of accommodation for the *Oireachtas* was under discussion over a long period on successive reports of the Joint Committee appointed to consider it. Neither House wished to eject the Royal Dublin Society finally from Leinster House; but the Government's suggestion to remove to the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, was rejected, and no other place could be ready within a reasonable time; and in the end it was decided to stay at Leinster House and accommodate the Senate as well as the *Dail* there. The Royal Dublin Society has been compensated for its ejection, and alterations in Leinster House are in progress. During the discussion members of the Senate called attention to the danger to national treasures, as well as the inconvenience to themselves, of continued occupation of the National Museum.

Disagreement between the two Houses on parts of Bills occurred in three instances. Two of the Bills in question were urgent, and the difficulty was got over by the appointment of a Joint Committee, as the result of which agreements were reached. The third case was that of the Intoxicating Liquor Bill, 1924, on which, for the sake of its admitted benefits, a compromise agreement on disputed amendments was likewise effected through a conference of representatives of the two Houses. The operation of the alternative to agreement—enactment, after nine months' delay, of the measure as it left the *Dail*—was seen in the case of the Intoxicating Liquor Bill, 1923, which under a clause of the Constitution was "deemed to have passed," and was signed by the Governor-General, in June of 1924.

The first private Bill was passed on June 5th. In the latter part of the year the private bill business was heavy—the Dublin Tramways (Omnibus Services) Bill and the three Bills concerned with Liffey electricity supply schemes being closely contended. The latter were still under examination at the close of the year.

NEW MINISTERS.

The machinery of government was dealt with in the Ministers and Secretaries Act, passed in May. In that Act the number of Ministers and assistants and their respective functions are laid down. The "Army crisis" in May led to the resignation of two Ministers. Mr. Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, was succeeded eventually by Mr. Peter Hughes, who was appointed in November, Mr. Cosgrave having held the office temporarily in the meantime. Mr. Joseph McGrath was succeeded almost immediately by Mr. P. McGilligan, who, though not previously prominent in debate, has handled very successfully the work of the Ministry for Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Hugh Kennedy, when appointed Chief Justice, was succeeded as Attorney-General by Mr. John O'Byrne, who is not a member of the *Dail*.

A Civil Service Regulation Act, setting up a Civil Service Commission, was passed in March. The State Harbours Act transferred Kingstown and Dunmore Harbours from Special Commissioners to the Board of Works.

THE COURTS.

A new judicial system was established by the Courts of Justice Act, passed in May. The system comprises the High Court, the Circuit Court, and the District Court. Appointments to the Benches were made soon after the passing of the Act, but Rules of Court have not yet been issued for any of the new Courts. Assizes and County Courts being abolished, the County Court Appeals Bill was passed later in the year, authorising the appointment of Commissioners to hear outstanding appeals from County Courts, which would have been heard at Assizes but for the change of system. The Court Officers Temporary Appointments Act, passed in February, was merely a prelude to the change in the judicial system. The Dail Eireann Courts Winding-Up Act (July) made arrangements for the disposal of a few outstanding land cases from the old Dail Courts.

The arrangements in respect of criminal trials have been altered by the establishment under the Courts of Justice Act of a Central Criminal Court and a Court of Criminal Appeal, by the changes in the law of evidence made in the Criminal Justice (Evidence) Act (allowing the accused and the accused's husband or wife to give evidence for the defence) and by the Criminal Justice (Administration) Act, which deals chiefly with the forms of indictment and oath. The Juries (Amendment) Act made some useful minor reforms in the jury system.

More effectual powers for the execution of Court judgments, especially against debtors, were given in the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, passed in June. The provisions of the Public Safety (Powers of Arrest and Detention) Act—the first Act passed this year, the Firearms (Temporary Provisions) Act, and the Public Safety (Punishment of Offenders) Act (passed in May) related chiefly to the lawlessness following on the civil struggle of 1922-23. The last-named Act authorised use of the "cat" in certain cases. It expires next February.

ARMY AND POLICE.

A Defence Forces Act, passed in August, amends and extends the previous Act, and includes the forms of oath to be taken by officers and men. The *Garda Siochána* Act and the Dublin Police Act, both passed in July, constituted the two police forces on the new lines, but the Minister for Justice, in the last days of December, obtained second reading for a Police Forces Amalgamation Bill, which will be discussed when the Houses resume in February.

INDEMNITY.

The Indemnity Act, the Military Service Pensions Act, the Local Officers Compensation (War Period) Act, the Companies (Reconstitution of Records) Act, and the Dail Eireann Loans and Funds Act may be described as an aftermath of the "struggle to bring about the establishment of the first Dail Eireann and the second Dail Eireann, respectively, as the lawful Government of the Saorstat Eireann," to quote the words of the Indemnity Act.

The Military Service Pensions Act gave substantial rewards to men whose record included service in the National Army after the Treaty, as well as pre-Treaty service, and special allowance was made for service in Easter Week, 1916.

PROTECTION.

The Central Fund Act (March) and the Appropriation Act (July) authorised the issue of some £32,000,000 from the Central Fund for the year's requirements. The Finance Act, giving effect to Mr. Blythe's Budget proposals, was remarkable for the inauguration of "an experiment in Protection." Among the commodities subjected to import duties are candles and soap (10 per cent.), boots and shoes (15 per cent.), and bottles (33⅓ per cent). The duty on tea was reduced from 8d. to 5d., and the duties imposed under the Safeguarding of Industries Act were abolished. A sixpenny stamp was imposed in respect of every import consignment, and a minimum duty of 2s. 6d. prescribed for parcels containing anything dutiable.

Other financial measures were the Old Age Pensions Act, designed to make a 10 per cent. "cut" on old age pensions, but declared by some critics to have "cut" more severely than that through the operation of the "means" clause and other provisions; the Telephone Capital Act, authorising the raising of £500,000 as capital for development of the telephone service, and the Road Fund (Advances) Act.

BROADCASTING AND OTHER DEBATES.

Some other subjects, not represented in the product of legislation, received the attention of the *Oireachtas* in the course of the year. The discussions on the Supplementary Estimates ranged over a wide field, from the Governor-General's salary and the future of the College of Science, to details of administrative action. When British soldiers were fired on at Queenstown by men who have not yet been brought to justice, President Cosgrave moved a motion expressing horror at the crime and sympathy with the relatives of the victims.

The agreement made with the Siemens-Schuckert firm with regard to investigation of Shannon development for electricity supply was debated. The boundary question, fiscal policy, accommodation of the Oireachtas, the film censorship, and the detention of political prisoners were other subjects of discussion.

Perhaps the liveliest controversy, however, was that which followed the issue of the circular on "wireless broadcasting." A Committee was appointed to investigate the matter, and as a result of further discussion the reports of the Committee and the whole minutes of evidence were published. Since then broadcasting has hardly been mentioned in the *Dail* but it is understood that the Post Office has submitted to the Minister for Finance a scheme for a State broadcasting station.

RESIGNATIONS.

Changes in the *personnel* of the two Houses have been few, apart from the resignation *en bloc* of nine members who had become known as the "National" Group. They were nominally members of the party associated with the Government.

Mr. Joseph McGrath, after resigning his Ministerial position, became a critic of the Government, chiefly concerning its conduct with respect to Army officers who had presented an ultimatum to the Government, but also on other matters, alleging that the Government was not giving sufficient effect to the "Irish-Ireland" ideas of the old *Sinn Fein* Party.

Eight other members at last joined with Mr. McGrath in resigning from the *Dail*, and as yet the consequent by-elections have not been held.

The Republicans elected in 1923 have continued their abstention policy.

THE ARMY QUESTION.

The "Army question," of course, agitated the *Dail* intensely for a few weeks in the spring, and its repercussions still affect the Government's Party. It led not only to Mr. McGrath's departure from the Executive Council, but to Mr. Mulcahy's resignation from office also, and to wholesale changes in the chief commands in the Army.

A Committee was appointed by the *Dail* to investigate the whole matter, but, as in the case of the Broadcasting Committee, the report of the Committee extended rather than settled the matter of controversy.

SITTINGS.

These debates, on top of a big legislative production, have meant a busy year for the *Dail*. It sat from early in January until the beginning of August, with a brief Easter break; and it sat again from the beginning of November till close on Christmas. It has met usually on four days every week, and for several weeks the sittings were extended till 10 and 11 o'clock at night. The Senate, except for the debates on accommodation proposals, has contented itself as a rule with examination of the measures sent up from the *Dail*, and has met less often and for shorter sitting than the *Dail*.

A suggestion made early in the year that some measures might be initiated in the Senate has not been acted on by the Government.

The promised bill to alter the local government system was recast more than once before its Committee stage was begun in November as the main work of the autumn sittings of the Dail. The bill, which abolishes District Councils and Boards of Guardians and makes other drastic changes, was passed by the Dail at the end of the year, and has not reached the Senate. Its operation is excepted as regards Dublin City and County pending the report of a "Greater Dublin" Commission, which was set up in the summer and is examining thoroughly the problem of administration of the capital area.

Pending the changes proposed in the Local Government Bill, it was desired to avoid the expense and inconvenience of elections which were overdue in connection with local bodies. Some temporary Acts were passed with that object, and elections are postponed till after the end of March next, by which time the new system is likely to be provided. Other measures concerned with local government were the Electors Registration Act (March) and the Collection of Rates Act (May).

HOUSES AND RAILWAYS.

The Housing (Building Facilities) Act was passed in May, and has stimulated the erection of dwellings. It authorises grants by the State and by local authorities towards the cost of houses built within a certain period; provides for large remissions of rates on such houses for the next twenty years, and arranges for control of prices of building materials. A Town Tenants Bill was introduced by Captain Redmond in private members' time, but was soon withdrawn when its effect was appreciated. A supplement to the Housing Act enabled local authorities which undertake building schemes to obtain the State grants.

The Labour Party's Railway Nationalisation Bill having failed to obtain second reading in the previous year, the Government introduced its Railways Bill early this year, and it was passed in July. It provided for amalgamation in one company of the principal lines wholly within the Free State (*i.e.*, leaving out the Great Northern Railway) and absorption by the Amalgamated Company of the minor railways. The amalgamation has been effected, since the passing of the Act, on the basis of voluntary schemes approved by the Railway Tribunal set up under the Act. The Tribunal has also, in accordance with the terms of the Act, revised railway rates, downwards. A short supplementary Act passed in December gave effect to an arrangement, one of the conditions of a voluntary final amalgamation, for the appointment on the amalgamated board of a director to represent the London, Midland and Scottish Railway.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION.

A grave degree of unemployment, along with a continued high cost of living, has naturally been the subject of frequent discussion. A measure for control of prices or some other "anti-profiteering" measure was promised more than once by President Cosgrave, but was never produced.

Mr. McGilligan, soon after his advent to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, introduced the Trade Loans Guarantee Bill, which was passed at the end of July. It has two main sections, one authorising the State guarantee of loans for projects calculated to increase employment and the other authorising the guarantee, and to a certain extent the granting of loans by the State to combinations promoting plans calculated to bring about a reduction of retail prices of essential commodities.

There was considerable delay in the appointment of advisory committees under the Act, and it does not appear that any guarantee or loan has yet been made for either purpose.

Two Acts extending the benefits of the Unemployment Insurance scheme have been passed. State funds to a large amount have been provided for works such as road improvement, drainage, and other work involving a large proportion of unskilled labour. The expenditure of compensation grants on reinstatement of premises will help, but the hesitation observed in Dublin reconstruction has been the subject of comment.

In July the Dublin Reconstruction (Emergency Provisions) Act was passed, laying down conditions as to the design and structure of new buildings and otherwise reserving amenities; but it does not appear that the requirements of the Act are the cause of delay in the rebuilding of Sackville street.

AGRICULTURE.

Three important measures passed during the year—the Agricultural Produce (Eggs) Act, the Dairy Produce Act, and the Live Stock Breeding Act—are directed to improvement of the selling value of Irish agricultural products in the export markets. With this object they introduce systems of inspection, grading, marking, and registration of premises in the case of eggs, butter, and similar produce; and in the case of live stock, a prohibition of keeping bulls except under licence. The Ministry of Agriculture is given drastic powers of control, and heavy penalties are provided for failure to comply with its regulations. Estimates as to the eventual enhancement of the value of Irish produce run into many millions of pounds.

Other measures with an agricultural connection were the Seed Supply Act (validating the supply by local authorities of seed potatoes and oats), the Rates on Agricultural Land Act (giving County Councils power to abate up to two-thirds of the agricultural rate, and borrow to cover the deficit) and the Drainage Maintenance Act, giving the Board of Works power to organise and carry out drainage schemes.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL REFORM.

The sole educational measure was a small Act repealing portions of existing Acts relating to Intermediate Education, in connection with the change in the system of grants.

Here may be mentioned the short bill introduced to remedy the position of the Free State medical graduates in connection with the General Medical Register. It has been ruled that graduation in the Free State does not entitle a doctor to be placed on the Register. The bill was passed by the Dail in the summer, but in view of further negotiations with the British Medical Council, has not been carried beyond the second stage in the Senate.

A School Attendance Bill has been promised repeatedly, but has not been produced. The Intoxicating Liquor Bill, introduced in the spring, did not pass both Houses until the last day of the session. The measure deals comprehensively with hours of sale, regulation of clubs, employment of young persons on licensed premises and sale of drink to young persons, illicit distillation, and the sale of methylated spirits. From the Bill as introduced the Dail removed the prohibition of opening on St. Patrick's Day and the clause forbidding mixed trading—the "structural separation" clause, as it was called. The Senate restored these points. In the end, a compromise was effected; the Dail agreed with the Senate on St. Patrick's Day closing, and the Senate did not insist on the "structural separation" clause.

In the early stages of the measure progress was slow, and it was overtaken unexpectedly by the lapse of the period of nine months from the passing by the Dail of the Intoxicating Liquor Bill, 1923. Under the constitutional provision the latter bill, although not passed by the Senate, became law. Its provisions as to closing hours were more drastic than those of the new bill, and its operation, therefore, acted as a lever in favour of the further measure.

An important Fisheries Act was passed in March, dealing largely with the system of penalties for interference with the protection of salmon and trout rivers. A difference between Dail and Senate on this measure was composed in a manner that provided a useful precedent for the course taken later on the Intoxicating Liquor Bill. A small Act passed in July gave the Minister for Fisheries power to defer the election of new Conservators to a date not later than the end of 1925.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DONCASTER.—The supplies were the lowest of the season, and buyers were poorly represented. Good milk beasts were inquired for, but few were on offer and prices did not exceed £30. Store cattle unchanged, best bullocks reaching £22. Pig trade slow, some strong stores making up to 25/ each. No suckers offered.

NORWICH.—There was no market here owing to the holidays.

GRAIN.

LIVERPOOL—WHEAT—The sharp rises established in Winnipeg and Chicago over the holiday here caused a strong feeling in wheat on the resumption of operations, "Bradstreet's" weekly shipment figures also being on a smaller scale, values at the outset marked a substantial gain, reacted somewhat, but again moved upwards, and finished at a heavy advance on Wednesday's final rates. C.i.f. parcels considerably dearer; choice white Karachi January-February selling at 63/6, and Australian December-January 66/- per qr., while No. 1 Duluth afloat was held at 66/-, and Rosario Santa Fe January 66/9 per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE dearer, River Plate December-January realising 46/3 per qr. Wheat on the spot firm, and held for 2d. to 3d. per cental advance. Maize—Spot parcels dearer. River Plate quoted 9/10 to 9/10½. Russian 10/10. Australian 10/1 per cental. Flour firm, and tending upwards. Graded wheat futures opened 2½d. per cental dearer, gained a further ½d., then receded somewhat, but again moved upwards, and showed 2½d. to 3½d. advance at the close. Sales 60 loads at 13/9½, 13/10, 13/9¾, 13/10½ for March; 13/7½, 13/8, 13/7½, 13/8¼, 13/8½ May deliveries. Values—December 13/7¾, March 13/10½, May 13/8½ per cental. Maize options improved ½d to 1d. per cental, and closed firm thereat. Sales, 10 loads, March at 10/2 per cental. Values—January 9/9½, February 10/-, March 10/2, May 10/3 per cental. Imports of Grain (Cwts.) — To-day—Wheat 111,380, flour 600, maize 3,860, peas 276, beans 5,420; this week—wheat 279,774, flour 8,481, maize 342,560, peas 3,076, beans 5,920; this year—wheat 23,274,495, flour 816,554, maize 8,085,687, peas 406,073, beans 261,295; last year—wheat 22,578,098, flour 809,968, maize 7,833,767, peas 363,478, beans 196,244.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—The American markets in the interval, since the last report, showed encouragement, but traders here were still under the holiday influence, and practically no change took place in any commodity. IRISH and DANISH BACON remained firm at late rates, and buyers and sellers were equally indifferent. Canadian Wiltshires and all American descriptions ruled inactive, with late prices nominally repeated. HAMS and shoulders showed no new feature. LARD on the spot quiet, without material change in value, but holders easy to approach. CHEESE firm, but inactive, and BUTTER dull, with a downward tendency. EGGS quiet, at 23/- to 26/- for Irish hen, and 9/6 to 10/- per 120 for Egyptian. Imports of Provisions:—To-day—Bacon 385, hams 48, lard 730, cheese 972. This week—Bacon 6,305, hams 2,483, lard 18,477, pork 25, cheese 17,980, butter 1,100. This year—Bacon 313,038, hams 185,662, lard 971,795, pork 5,086, cheese 402,604, beef 1,300, butter 177,467. Last year—Bacon 411,748, hams 197,967, lard 915,236, pork 7,106, cheese 466,041, beef 2,615, butter 160,730.

REFINED LARD "FUTURES," LIVERPOOL.—American market during the Christmas holidays here improved to a fair extent, and prices advanced in consequence, closing 9d. to 1/- per cwt over Wednesday last. Sales covered January at 84/6, 85/-, May 86/9, cash ex quay 84/6, and store 85/-, with December quoted 85/- sellers. March 85/9 to 86/-, and September 88/6 to 89/- per cwt.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Moderate supply; good demand. Plaice 12/-, lemon soles 21/-, cod 6/- to 9/-, skate 6/- to 7/-, small haddocks 3/6, hin 6/9, gibbed 9/-, dabs 9/- to 10/-, codlings 5/- to 6/-, whitings 5/- per stone; soles 2/-, turbot 1/7, brill 1/1 per lb.

LONDON POTATO.—Supplies continue heavy, and a quiet trade passed. Best King Edwards 10/- to 11/-. Eclipse, British Queens, also Majestics 8/6 to 9/-, blackland Edwards 8/6 to 9/-, ditto Evergoods 8/- to 8/6 per cwt.; German whites 6/- to 7/-, Polish 6/- to 7/- per 50 kilo bag.

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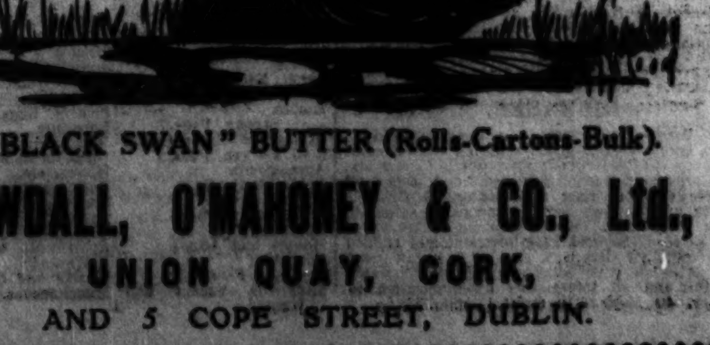
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THOS. DELANEY, Secretary.
Grand Canal House, James's street Harbour, Dublin, 29th December, 1924.

EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations. Price Twopence.

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The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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The Irish Times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The storm which swept over the country on Friday night wrought vast material damage throughout Ireland. Large areas are flooded and families are rendered homeless, but no loss of life is reported. On the seas disaster followed the storm, and vessels are reported lost off the Welsh and Scottish coasts with all hands.—(Page 5.)

At a convention in Roscommon yesterday Mr. Martin Conlon, of Dublin, was selected as the Government candidate at the coming election. A farmers' convention in Cavan selected Mr. John F. O'Hanlon, of Cavan, as their nominee for the by-election there.—(Page 5.)

The Intoxicating Liquor Bill was signed by the Governor-General on Saturday, and the Act is in force all over the Free State from to-day.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Four of six persons who were in a motor car which fell into the water, a distance of thirty feet, at Stokesay River Bridge, Shropshire, yesterday, were drowned. The other two were rescued.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

Strong protests are made in the German Press against the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference delaying the evacuation of the Cologne zone, and it is suggested that France seeks to evade evacuation of the Ruhr.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Leopardstown on Saturday Coypou won the Three Years Old Hurdle Plate, Barretstown the Stillorgan Steeplechase, Ballymacroy the Leopardstown Steeplechase, Pride of Delvin the Bray Steeplechase, and Newtown Park the Corinthian Plate.—(Page 8.)

At Kempton Park Arduous won the Gamecock Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

At Wolverhampton Emphatic won the Wolverhampton Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Money Market was idle. Daily loans were in abundant supply down to 1½ per cent. The exchanges were quiet, a feature being a further spurt in the Argentine rate to 45 13-16.—(Page 9.)

French Finance.

There will be an important meeting of Allied Finance Ministers during the present week. It is understood that Mr. Winston Churchill will raise the whole question of inter-Allied debts and will invite the French Government to formulate a scheme for the discharge of its considerable liabilities to Great Britain. According to the latest messages from Paris, the French Government is ready for Mr. Churchill, and will anticipate his proposal by the introduction of a rather startling plan which it has evolved. The principle of this plan is that the total cost of the Great War to the Allies shall be pooled, and that the resultant sum shall be divided among the Allies in proportion to their national wealth, irrespective of the various debts that were incurred by some of the belligerent countries during the struggle. By this scheme, naturally, France would benefit very largely. On the assumption that the United States should be reckoned among the belligerents, the Washington Treasury, of course, would be required to bear the brunt of the financial burden, with the British Treasury a good second. Since, however, the American Government would not contemplate such a proposal for a moment, Britain would occupy the place of honour, and would be invited not only to pay all her own debts, but also to assume responsibility for a substantial portion of the debts of France, Italy, Belgium and all the others. From the French point of view, no doubt, the scheme is admirable; from Britain's standpoint it is preposterous.

Britain is the only country in Europe that has made the slightest effort to repay its debts. She has funded her enormous obligation to the United States at a cost to the taxpayer of about £30,000,000 *per annum*, and her whole financial policy since the Armistice has been based on the *maximum* reduction of her National Debt. She has been able to reduce it by a large amount, not because she received this or that windfall from Germany or from anybody else, but simply because the British people have been taxed to an extent that never had been reached previously in the history of mankind. Publicly and privately Britain has been forced to institute the most rigid economies for the sake of the national credit; and now, just as she is beginning to emerge from the most depressed period of her existence, she is expected to saddle herself with new responsibilities. France, on the other hand, has done virtually nothing to help herself. Her National Debt has increased considerably since the war. She has refused consistently to impose direct taxation on her people, and has been so foolish as actually to pay the interest on her internal debts by means of fresh loans. The whole point of France's anxiety to compound her war obligations with her Allies lies in the fact that she realises now that this policy offers the best chance of escape from national insolvency. Since the war successive Finance Ministers in France have pursued a rake's progress, refusing to think of the morrow, and living from hand to mouth. Now the day of reckoning is at hand and France dreads its consequences.

Friends of France seek to refute these arguments by reference to the great thrift and industry of her people, to their frugal mode of life and to the appalling losses which they suffered during the war. There is much to be said for this point of view. The French people deserve and enjoy the respect of the whole world, and their Government must bear the blame for their plight. Since the Armistice the leaders of French politics have been obsessed by military ambitions. In the first place, they financed various expeditions against Soviet Russia. Koltchak, Denikin, Judenitch and Wrangel all drew large sums from the French Treasury; and the money might just as well have been thrown into the Seine. Then the French Government supported the Turks against Greece. Millions of francs must have been spent on the campaigns in Asia Minor, and almost every centime came from French sources. Finally, it advanced huge sums for the purchase of munitions of war and the training of standing armies by members of the Little *Entente*. The Polish Army is almost entirely a creature of the French General Staff. Enormous credits were granted to Warsaw in 1920 for its establishment, and since that time various further sums have been voted for Polish purposes. Czecho-Slovakia also drew extensively on the French Treasury, while Jugo-Slavia, Rumania and various Middle Eastern tribes armed themselves by means of funds which might have been applied to the reduction of the French debt. Now Nemesis is about to overtake this exceedingly foolish policy: for the British taxpayer will not agree to any further additions to his already formidable bill. France must work out her own financial salvation; but to that end a complete change of policy will be required.

The Toll of Storm.

In recent years the Christmas holiday has been darkened too often by a series of accidents which have carried loss of life and suffering in their wake. Perhaps, the fact of their occurrence at a time of general gaiety directs special attention to them, interfering with the public's sense of proportion; but there is no doubt that such mishaps tend to become more than usually frequent during the Christmas season. There is, of course, a natural explanation. More people travel by land and sea at Christmas-time than at any other period of the year. Trains and steamers are crowded, and wintry weather must be expected in the closing days of December. Thus the margin between almost absolute safety and the possibility of danger is diminished. The present holiday has brought a formidable chapter of accidents, for which the uncommonly bad weather is mainly responsible. Our columns to-day record calamities to life and property in nearly every part of the world. In the United States, where such accidents seem to happen on the largest scale, many people have lost their lives through fire and flood. Fierce gales and rainstorms have raged round the British coasts. Some ships are known to have been lost, and bodies have been washed ashore. Other ships have uttered urgent signals of distress, and it is to be feared that when the toll comes to be reckoned it will not be light. Last Saturday was the culminating day of a stormy week. The English Channel broke into fury, and the piers at Dover and other coast towns were swept by terrific seas. In Wales stretches of railway were flooded by torrential rains; the River Usk overflowed its banks, entered the lower rooms of many houses, and drowned cattle and sheep in the fields. The passengers in a train running from Brecon to Newport had a wonderful escape when some three hundred tons of rain-soaked earth fell from an embankment on the engine and coaches. In Scotland, too, flooded rivers did much damage to the farmers' stock. Ireland, North and South, has had her share of the tempest's wrath. During the past week heavy gales have raged in the Irish Sea, and holiday travelling has been an exceedingly uncomfortable business. Good ships and good seamanship, however, prevented the crossing from Holyhead or Liverpool from being anything worse than uncomfortable. On sea and land, indeed, Ireland has been fortunate so far as safety of life is concerned; but the storms have brought much unseasonable hardship to many who are least able to bear the blows of fortune. The bursting of a canal-bank, last Saturday, drove scores of poor people from their homes in the low-lying district of Clontarf. They received shelter in a local school-building, and we hope that the good-will of their fellow-citizens will minister to their need and will help them to reinstate their little households. Floods occurred also in Belfast as the result of an exceptionally high tide, and in Londonderry, where the intruding Foyle compelled the use of boats in the streets. The worst calamity of an eventful week was the sudden swoop to death, on Christmas Eve, at Croydon, of an air-liner, with its pilot and seven passengers. The cause remains to be discovered, but man's progressive conquest of the air will not be checked. A second aeroplane left Croydon soon after the accident and not one of its five passengers declined the journey.

British Trade.

The year closes with a note of hope for British trade, and prospects are much brighter than they were twelve months ago. It has been another lean year and many industries have been hardly pressed. Foreign competition has been keen and prices have been low. The iron and steel industry has suffered most in these respects and the coal industry also has gone through an anxious time. Now hopes are entertained that the worst has passed. Perhaps, the most encouraging feature of the situation is to be found in the fact that all the active collieries in South Wales were engaged up to their full capacity, before the holiday stoppage, for the first time since last spring. The iron and steel industry shows some signs of a revival. Last year it suffered heavily, as is shown by the fact that imports of iron and steel from abroad reached a "record." The cotton industry has fallen to a particularly low level after the great boom which followed the end of the war. Recently, however, there has been a considerable increase in orders, especially from India, and quotations are firm as a result of greater confidence among foreign buyers. In the wool and hosiery trade the mild weather has had some adverse effect on business; severe competition is being encountered from France, and there is some chance of a resort to a system of organised short-time. Pottery work is in a better position than it held a year ago, and the last few months have seen a revival which augurs well for the future. Most of the British industries, with the notable exceptions of coal, iron and steel, increased their exports in 1924. Hopes for the coming year are centred in the improvement of the political and economic situation on the Continent.

The Mint.

The fifty-fourth annual report of the Deputy-Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint gives an interesting account of the work which was done in 1923. During that year there was a large decline in the output of imperial coins as compared with the average for the preceding ten years. Half-pennies among bronze coins, and half-crowns among silver coins, figure most prominently in the list, and virtually no threepenny pieces or pennies were struck during this period. On the other hand, the work done for the Colonies in silver and bronze coins showed a considerable increase. No gold coins were struck for Great Britain or the Dominions, but work was undertaken on a limited number of 500 piastre and 100 piastre gold coins for the King of Egypt. Other countries for which coins were struck included Hong-Kong, British Guiana, Jersey and East Africa. The last-named country received the greatest number and was responsible chiefly for the increase in Colonial coins. In addition to the work which was done for the Empire and its Colonies and Protectorates, negotiations were started in the autumn by the Finance Minister of the Republic of Latvia for silver coins, and arrangements had reached an advanced stage by the close of the year. The total value of sterling coins struck for imperial use was £6,365,544 4s. 5½d. Some investigations were carried out respecting the manufacture of pure nickel coins, and experimental pieces were struck successfully. It was found, however, that the manufacture of nickel coins on a large scale would involve an undesirable increase of expenditure.

CHRISTIANIA.

CHANGING THE CITY'S NAME.

By ALBERT BROCK-UTNE, CHRISTIANIA.

From the 1st of January, 1925, the name of Norway's capital is to be changed from Christiania to Oslo.

This change of name is a feature of the great national movement that has prevailed in Norway for a number of years. During the time that Norway was connected with Denmark, from 1376 to 1814, the Norwegian language was almost entirely displaced by Danish in the towns, and old Norwegian historical names were replaced by Danish words. It is this ancient Norwegian language, which has maintained itself well in the country districts, and the old Norwegian historical designations that now will be revived and had in honour.

Christiania was founded in 1624. Quite near the site of the new city there had previously been built, about the year 1050, a small town called Oslo, which thereafter continued to exist as a portion of Christiania, and this part of the city during all these years has borne the name Oslo. It has a free and open situation close to the sea. It contains interesting relics of the past, and can recount romantic stories of events that occurred there in old days, and which are still living in the mouths of the people.

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Christiania lies at the inner end of a large fjord—Christianiafjord. The approach to the city from the sea, past numerous small islands, is exceptionally beautiful. The city lies in a large valley, surrounded by forest-clad hills. It has had a rapid development, its population, which about forty years ago was 80,000, having risen to about 260,000.

Christiania is irregularly built, but has large, wide streets, with handsome buildings, while the many large and small parks scattered through all parts of the city causes it to leave upon the mind an agreeable and charming impression.

The Royal Palace, the University and the National Parliament House (*Storting*) are situated near the principal street of the city, Karl Johansgate, and surrounded by pleasant parks. These parks are adorned by statues of the mathematician, Niels Henrik Abel; Camilla Collet (*née* Wergeland), the authoress and champion of women's cause, and her brother, the poet, Henrik Wergeland, and of the poets, Henrik Ibsen and Bjrnstjerne Bjrnson.

Of large modern buildings which have been erected in Christiania during the last twenty or thirty years may be mentioned the National Gallery, the Historical Museum and the University Library, all of which contain comprehensive and valuable collections. Other handsome new buildings are the National Theatre, the Courts of Justice and the Government Buildings.

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The rapid development of the city in the last few decades is largely due to the construction of the great railway line from Christiania to Bergen. This railway connects Christiania and the East of Norway with the West coast, giving easy access to the North Sea. Also trade with the East, especially with Russia, has greatly influenced the progress of the city. In this connection it may be mentioned that in recent years Christiania has acquired several large modern bank buildings, has spent large sums on new quays, and has erected huge warehouses. The city has modern electric tramways and local railways to the surrounding districts. Several luxurious and "up-to-date" hotels and cafés have been opened, and the city, which about thirty years ago could hardly support two theatres, now has several modern theatres and a great number of cinematographs. It is one of the towns in Europe in which the cinematographs are most numerously attended.

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Christiania has for many years been known as a cultured, aristocratic city. The inhabitants are greatly devoted to music. The city is noted for its deeds of benevolence, and has not unjustly been styled "the city with the great heart." It possesses many social institutions, which stand on a very high level.

Whilst the older generation in Christiania is of a somewhat grave and dreamy disposition, the younger generation shows a more free and cheerful spirit. Both in mind and appearance it seems to be in touch with the old Nordic race. When we regard this younger generation we can understand that, for it the national revival of Norway in all domains is a matter of vital import, and how it desires that Norway's old dependencies, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland, which now are Danish, may be again united with Norway. Until these national tasks are accomplished it seems as if some of the international ideas which are coming to the front abroad will not obtain a really firm footing in Norway.

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It is expected that in the course of time the through-going trade *via* Christiania from Russia and the East will assume large dimensions, and that Christiania then will become a commercial centre of considerable importance. The city, with its many new business establishments, would seem to be fully equipped to deal with such an increased trade.

There are signs which indicate that Christiania in the course of time will become a centre of trade in books and artistic productions, possibly of international character. This development is a consequence of the strong interest taken by the Norwegian people in literature and art.

When speaking of Christiania it must be mentioned that in sport the city has for many years maintained a high reputation, and it has become a centre for sport in Europe. The interest in sport is very great in Norway. On Christiania's fine skating rink, Frogner Stadion, many of the world's best skaters have met and contended for the championship of the world. The Norwegians have taken enormous interest in these contests, and the many championships that they have won in skating have made their land renowned far and wide. Also the sport of ski-ing stands high in Norway, and has become a national pastime. The great centre for ski-sport is "Holmenkollen," one of the lofty hills surrounding Christiania. Here are held every year—usually in February—great ski-ing competitions and the day on which the great jumping contest takes place—called "Holmenkollen Day"—is kept as a kind of national festival in Christiania.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 2 and 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Puppets," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 7 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"The Glorious Uncertainty," 8.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Nellie."
Metropole—"Those Who Dance."
The Grafton—"The Reckless Age."
The Carlton—"Rupert of Hentzau."
Sackville Picture House—"The Young Rajah."
Grand Central—"The Net" and "The Velvet Woman."
Princess, Rathmines—"A Gentleman of Leisure."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Stepping Fast."
Father Mathew Hall—"A-Lad-In Helloland," 8.
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"A Boy of Flanders."
Town Hall, Dalkey—The Nativity Play, 7.30 p.m.
R.D.S. Juvenile Lecture, Royal College of Surgeons, 4 p.m.
Drumcondra District Court, 11 a.m.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Earl and Countess of Derby entertained a family party for Christmas at Knowsley Park, and will leave shortly for the Riviera. Viscount and Viscountess Maidstone and their children are spending the vacation at Sandwich, where the Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ward has lent them her house. Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater spent a few days with Lady Mabel Howard at Greystoke, Penrith, before they returned to Campsea Ashe for Christmas. Colonel the Hon. George and Mrs. Keppel returned to London before Christmas for a stay of some weeks, and will leave about the middle of January for Florence, where they have purchased a villa which is being prepared for their reception.

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The Earl of Longford, who celebrates his twenty-second birthday to-day, is the sixth holder of the Earldom, which was created in 1785. He sits in the House of Lords as Baron Silchester, a title on the Roll of the United Kingdom, which was conferred on his ancestor, Baron Longford, in 1821. He succeeded to the title in 1915, when his father, the fifth Earl, was killed in action in the Dardanelles while acting as Brigadier-General with the 2nd South Midland Mounted Brigade.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, with their family, spent Christmas at Cardiff Castle. The Dowager Countess of Pembroke entertained a small house party over the holidays at East Knoyle, Salisbury. Viscount and Viscountess Grey of Fallodon have left Paris for Villars, Switzerland. Lady Grey will not return before the third week in January.

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Lord Cochrane has left England for a brief visit to Switzerland. The Dowager Lady Petre and Lady and Miss Redwood have arrived at Bath. The Hon. Lady Barlow has returned to England from a short cruise in the Mediterranean. Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Norman with their children, have left London for Pontresina. Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle have arrived at Châlet Berna, Grindelwald, which they have taken for the winter.

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So great was the influx of British visitors at Mentone before Christmas that English appeared to be the general language. The hotels were crowded, and all celebrated the festival in gala fashion. Among the visitors, many of whom are making a long stay, are Admiral Sir Randolph and Lady Foote, Major-General Sir John and Lady Leach, Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Woods, Major-General Sir Wilkinson Dent-Bird, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., and Lady Davies, Sir Theodore and Lady Angier, the Right Hon. Sir George Taubman Goldie, Major-General and Mrs. Beresford Coke, Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Robert Wood, Lady Black, Brigadier-General W. R. Clifford, Brigadier-General, Mrs. and Miss Fasken, Brigadier-General F. C. Markham, Lady and Miss Hemming, and Brigadier-General and Mrs. Gloster.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Mulhall, whose departure from Dublin was much regretted by a wide circle of friends, will shortly take up their residence in Oxfordshire. They have purchased a place between Caversham and Reading, near Caversham Hall, where the Oratory Fathers settled after they left Birmingham. Major and Mrs. Austen Rotheram, who left Castlecor some time ago for the Far East, are visiting Mrs. Rotheram's parents in Hong Kong.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, between Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Somerville, D.S.O., the King's Own Royal Regiment, and Amy Kathleen Ferguson, widow of the late Alan Campbell Ferguson, of Albermarl, Menindie, N.S.W., and of Reendesert Lodge, Bantry, Co. Cork.

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The marriage took place quietly on December 19th between Thomas C. Studley, L.R.C.P. and S.I., L.M., eldest son of Thomas F. Studley, L.D.S., R.C.S.I., late of 10 Westland row, to Georgina (Eileen) Molloy, youngest daughter of the late George F. Molloy, P.L.G., Dublin.

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The marriage arranged between William Anthony Taaffe, Captain, the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, and Kathleen, elder daughter of Philip Callan, Dowdstown, Ardee, will take place quietly in London on 8th January.

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Sir W. I. de Courcy Wheeler has returned to 33 Upper Fitzwilliam street.

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Dr. E. A. Magennis, junr., has left town for three weeks.

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Dr. Henry Stokes has left 32 Upper Pembroke street until 3rd January.

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Dr. Brian Crichton has left 26 Fitzwilliam square for a week.

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Dr. Boxwell has left 2 Upper Hatch street for one week.

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Departures:—Mrs. Gerald Mooney, Mrs. J. McArevey, Miss D. E. Hitchins, Miss A. S. Haire, Miss Florence M. Culwick, P. J. Long, G. N. Reddin, District Justice Reddin, Hector Hughes, G. B. Cranwill, C. Roche, Miss Haire, Miss Maud Preston, Miss E. G. Stokes, Dermot Tyson, Miss E. Tyson, Miss S. Tyson, W. Thorp, jun.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

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WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — A very deep depression is still centred near Iceland, and further secondary depressions are likely to cross the British Isles. Winds will be between south-west and west, fresh to strong at times, perhaps reaching gale force locally, and there will be occasional rain or hail showers, with bright intervals, slight frost occurring in places at night.

N.W. and N.E. Ireland.—Wind south-westerly, fresh to strong at times, perhaps reaching gale force later; occasional showers of rain, hail or sleet; bright intervals; visibility mainly good; slight frost locally at night.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind between south-west and west, fresh to strong at times, perhaps reaching gale force locally; occasional rain or hail showers; bright intervals; visibility mainly good; slight frost locally at night.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland; Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Wind between south-west and west, fresh to strong at times, perhaps reaching gale force locally; occasional rain or hail showers; bright intervals; visibility good; sea rough.

N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind south-westerly, fresh to strong, perhaps reaching gale force later; occasional rain or hail showers; bright intervals; visibility good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Saturday (12 noon)	29.10
" Sunday (3 p.m.)	29.40

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To-day....Rises	8.40	Sets	4.14
To-morrow.. "	8.41	"	4.15
Lighting-up Time			5.14

HIGH WATER.
DUBLIN.

To-day....Morning	1.27	Afternoon	1.43
To-morrow.. "	2.22	"	2.36

LONDON LETTER.

THE STORM IN ENGLAND.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
SUNDAY NIGHT.

After the bright days of Christmas and St. Stephen's Day the holiday was marred by the terrible weather of yesterday. It seemed to be general; for stories are reaching London from all parts of the country as to the damage done by the gales and the water from the heavy and constant rain. In and around London great preparations had been made for outdoor sports, but these were impossible, and the bad turn in the weather was profitable for the theatres and other indoor amusements. One of the most striking features of the day was the extraordinary patience of the people composing the long queues outside the West End theatres; for in some cases they stood for hours in the greatest discomfort, waiting for the doors to open. In the evening queues began to assemble as early as half-past five, and the people waited in the high wind and downpour of rain, to sit afterwards in their wet garments while watching a play.

During the day a rumour ran through London that the Aquitania had met with a disaster. The inclination was to credit the story, owing to the wildness of the weather; but modern science came into operation, and a wireless message despatched to the Aquitania brought back an assurance that all was well with the ship and its *personnel*. It is but rarely that a rumour such as this is caught so speedily and held up at once. The Cunard Company staff imagines that it knows where the rumour started, and would like to come into contact with the originator.

A Standard Calendar.

Supporters of the idea of a standard calendar with fixed holidays would be justified in pointing out the peculiar position of the Saturday when Christmas Day falls on a Thursday. Yesterday was in many respects a bank holiday, except that the banks were open for business, while nearly all the shops and offices were closed. It has been suggested that in the ideal calendar Christmas Day should be a Friday, giving three clear days' holiday—Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day, and the Sunday—with the *minimum* amount of inconvenience. In that case normal business of all descriptions would be resumed on the Monday, and the bank clerk would enjoy the same length of holiday as the remainder of the community.

Imperial Councils.

In view of the replies received from the Canadian and Australian Premiers to an invitation to an Imperial Conference in London, indicating a reluctance to attend unless the matters to be considered cannot be dealt with by telegram or by the representatives of the Dominions in London, the Government may transmit fuller details of the matters with which the proposed Conference would be concerned. There are difficulties in the way of conducting a consultation other than by the presence of the Dominion Prime Ministers here; but, if those difficulties are realised—and it is understood that the delays inevitable in such a process will be borne without complaint—it is quite possible that a series of consultations will be held with the High Commissioners, with a sufficient lapse of time between the meetings to enable the opinions of the respective Governments to be obtained before any definite decisions are registered.

Cologne.

The decision that the British troops are not to leave Cologne on January 10th caused no surprise in diplomatic circles yesterday. Such a step was fully expected once it was realised that Germany continued flagrantly to violate the provisions of the Versailles Treaty regarding the limitation of armaments. Nothing very definite is yet known on this point, but the *interim* reports of the Control Commission make it clear that there are great quantities of armaments hidden away in addition to those already discovered. It is suggested to-day that, unless Germany rises to the occasion and disarms more rapidly, something should be done to curtail her facilities for civil aviation.

A French Plan.

In Paris it is stated that the French Government will have an interesting proposal to put forward when the conference of Finance Ministers takes place next week. It is that the total cost of the war to all the nations should be pooled and divided *pro rata* according to the national wealth of each, without regard to the existing undertakings forced upon some of the combatants by circumstances. It is most unlikely that any such proposal would be accepted at this late hour, when this country has already begun to pay its debts to the United States. Should it be rejected, France is then likely to develop further proposals, all designed with a view to deriving immediate benefit for her own finances.

New Year's Honours.

Mr. Baldwin will submit a New Year's Honours List to the King, but it is understood that it will be very short. The Prime Minister intends to follow the example of Mr. Bonar Law, and recommend honours very sparingly; but it is likely that the list of this week will include some awards for the hard work resulting in the recent Conservative victory.

Money-Lenders.

Lord Carson intends to introduce a bill into the House of Lords dealing with money-lenders, and it is quite possible that the Government will take it up and secure its passage through the House of Commons. Repeated efforts have been made by members of the Lower House to get such a bill through, but its promoters have been unfortunate. It is certain, however, that there is a marked feeling that such a bill ought to be passed, and with Government support there should be no difficulty. In the House of Lords there is little doubt about the rapid passage of the bill.

The Colorado Beetle.

The Ministry of Agriculture here has found it desirable to take steps to fight a potato disease already existing in the United States, and to prevent a spread of it in this country. The potato fields over large areas of the States are infested with the destructive Colorado beetle. This beetle established itself during recent years in a small district of France, and the Ministry then felt compelled to prohibit by order the importation of potatoes from that area for so long as the pest existed. The importation of potatoes from the United States, adds the statement, is attended with equal risks, and the Ministry feels it necessary similarly to exercise its powers under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, and to prohibit the importation of potatoes from the United States. The order comes into operation immediately, but provision is made for the admission of any consignments that may already have been shipped.

Flying in London.

Two auxiliary squadrons under the Territorial Air Force scheme are to be formed in the Metropolis, one connected with the City and one with the County of London. Recruiting is to be opened shortly in order that the squadrons may be in being early in the financial year, which begins in April. Both will have their headquarters at Hendon.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA.

LUGANO, Sunday.

Princess Victoria is deriving much benefit from her stay here, and intends to prolong her visit. She takes daily walks in the vicinity.—(Reuter.)

DEATH AND DISASTER FOLLOW STORM.

SHIPS AND LIVES LOST AT SEA.

MANY FAMILIES HOMELESS IN DUBLIN.

RECORD FLOODS IN BELFAST.

The storm which broke on St. Stephen's night raged with a furious persistence well into Saturday morning, and scattered havoc and disaster on land and sea.

From all parts of Ireland come tidings of floods and destruction. Happily no lives are reported lost, but many unfortunate people in Dublin and elsewhere are for the time being homeless owing to the flooding of ho ses. In Belfast the floods are the worst on record.

In Wales the storm raged with enormous violence. Many valleys are flooded, and traffic has been disorganised. In one case a landslide resulted.

In Anglesey a culvert was broken, and the Irish mail train service was interrupted. Passengers to Holyhead were obliged to make a long detour by char-a-banc, and the boats reaching Ireland were several hours late.

At sea the storm brought not merely loss, but death, in its train. A German trawler was lost off the Scottish coast, and the crew perished. Other vessels of the German trawling fleet are known to have been in difficulties, and further losses are feared. A French vessel appears to have been lost with all hands off the Welsh coast. On the coast of County Down a stranded vessel was beaten to pieces.

STORM IN DUBLIN.

HAVOC, PERIL AND DISTRESS.

During the week-end Dublin experienced violent weather conditions. A fierce gale, at times developing a velocity of sixty miles an hour, raged from 11 o'clock on Friday night to 4 o'clock on Saturday morning. This was followed at noon on Saturday by the highest tide that has filled the Liffey in modern times.

While many people had disagreeable experiences, no serious accident resulted from the violence of the wind and of the sea. There were up to Saturday night no reports of damage to shipping, but all the cross-Channel vessels went through a gruelling time. The B. and I. Company's Lady Louth was four hours late in reaching the North Wall on Saturday, but the new steamer stood up to the storm splendidly.

The gale was accompanied by a deluge of rain and sleet at times extremely violent, and at its worst the barometer dropped to the low mark of 28.55. Hoardings were blown down in the city, some windows blown in, and trees broken down, but no one was hurt. Although it was more continuous and prolonged, the wind did not attain the force of the storm on September 20th last.

The passengers and staffs of the last tramcars from Nelson Pillar to Dollymount had a nasty experience. The sea flooded the roadway at Clontarf to such an extent that the cars could not get farther east than St. Lawrence road, where they were held up until the tide receded. The passengers made their way home in the storm by gardens and back lanes, but the motor men and conductors did not reach the sheds at Dollymount until 2.30 a.m.

On Saturday the tide was full at noon, but from 10.30 the water began to rise abnormally. It was now dead calm and the sea was on the surface as level as a pond, but there was a heavy ground swell, the aftermath of the gale. From 11 o'clock the tide covered the roadway at Clontarf, where houses were slightly flooded, and the tramcar traffic was stopped until 1.30 p.m. At high water the sea was close on several feet deep at the end of St. Lawrence road.

HOUSES INVADED.

At the North Wall a depth of 45 feet was reached, the record for many years. The sea forced the water over the banks of the Royal Canal and completely stopped the traffic on the link railway under Newcomen Bridge, from which the open space looking towards the Great Northern main line was one unbroken lake. In this area of the city many houses were flooded.

In the river itself the water washed over the North and South Walls and completely filled the arches of the bridges up to the Kingsbridge. At Victoria quay it crossed the wall, and tram traffic had to be suspended.

The worst experiences were at Ringsend, where the sea broke one of the banks of the Dodder and flooded a large and thickly populated area. People had to wade through the floods, and in some cases invalids were carried out of the houses. By 2.30 the tide had ebbed and the flooding quickly disappeared.

CANAL BANK BROKEN.

The greatest sufferers from the flooding were the families, upwards of thirty, who dwelt in Coady's Cottages, Jane place, and in Smithfield avenue. Coady's cottages are one-storey houses, clustered together not far from the Newcomen Iron Works, and from the nature of the dwellings there was no option but to leave them when the rushing waters swept in with a suddenness that gave no warning.

The force of the water was so strong that it demolished part of the wall on the canal bank at the end of Ossory road, burst into the Newcomen Works, and continued across the railway line into the houses, which are on a low level.

Confusion arose inside, the inhabitants becoming greatly alarmed as the water lifted the furniture and raced into the rooms. To remain in the houses was dangerous, the water rapidly rising in height, and parents hastily grasped their children and removed them to places of safety. It is estimated that from four to six feet of water at one time surrounded the houses, and one woman who was carrying her child in her arms fell, and the child had to be taken to hospital. Her husband, George Bowles, was obliged to leave his small shop, and only at night was he able, by wading, to recover the money that he had left behind in his hasty retreat.

The flooding occurred before 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, and the occupants had been unable to return to their homes yesterday. They were compelled to remain on the roadway, helpless spectators of their water-logged houses, until refuge was found for them in the Wharf road National Schools, and in the houses of local residents who were more fortunate.

DEPUTY'S ENDEAVOURS.

Alderman Alfred Byrne was very active in making arrangements for the unfortunate people, and received permission from Canon Brady, P.P., St. Laurence O'Toole's, to house numbers of them in the schools. He was also able to secure bedding and food for the victims, and thus relieved to a great extent their unhappy plight.

The inhabitants of one house were helped out of a dangerous situation by neighbours, who got them on to the railway embankment at the back. A donkey and a pig were brought through a roof of a shed, while dead chickens and hens and a few goats were floating in the water with numerous household articles.

Lieutenant Power, of the Dublin Fire Brigade, was able to reduce the pressure of water in this locality, and he and his men saved some furniture, but it was evident that the houses would not be habitable for some time.

Oriel street, Canning place, and Newfoundland street also suffered considerably from the flooding. The district was visited by a great many city people yesterday, and some of those who had had to leave their homes went to look at them. A great deal of damage has been done, and it will take some days to put the houses in order.

Almost a hundred of the homeless were still in the Wharf road schools yesterday.

An embankment was carried away by the sea at Dollymount golf links. Players were unable to get to the pavilion owing to the flooding, which converted the links into something resembling a lake. The canal overran the banks at the North Strand, and in Ringsend the Dodder overflowed the banks at the south-eastern side of the bridge, and Stella Gardens artisans' dwellings had water in parlours, kitchens, and yards to the depth of several inches. People were compelled to take off boots and socks and wade. Before 12 o'clock the water began to leave the houses, the choked sewers being relieved with the fall of the tide.

The Fire Brigade pumped water from the engine-room of the Olympia Theatre on Saturday. Water also got into the cellars of Messrs. Nugent's grocery premises in Essex street. The Fire Brigade were also engaged there on Saturday pumping out the water.

MAILS DELAYED.

BROKEN CULVERT IN ANGLESEY.

Owing to the carrying away of a culvert between Bodorgan and Gaerwen, in the Island of Anglesey, on Saturday by the force of the storm the Irish mail trains, both from Holyhead to London and from London to Holyhead, have been delayed during the week-end.

In the case of trains travelling both ways, passengers had to be detrained and conveyed a distance of about fifteen miles by chars-à-banc and put in other trains for their destinations.

The lateness of the up-train to Holyhead delayed the mailboat's arrival in Dublin on Sunday morning, which was about 5½ hours' late.

The passengers travelling from Kingstown last night were warned that they might be delayed in the event of necessary repairs not having been completed, but notwithstanding this no fewer than 500 travelled on the boat. The company hope to have the line in full working order probably to-day.

RECORD TIDE AT BELFAST.

HIGH STREET LIKE A LAKE.

The abnormally high tide caused unprecedented scenes in Belfast. The whole district in the neighbourhood of the docks was inundated with water, which forced its way into shops in High street and Church lane. Shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday morning the tidal river which runs under High street burst through the manholes in the street, and half an hour later the street resembled a miniature lake, with the Albert Memorial projecting from an island in the centre. Pedestrian traffic was stopped, and holiday-makers had an unexpected vision of what High street must have looked like one hundred years ago, when the tide almost swept up to Castle Junction.

Tramcars were able to force their way through the water, but motor cars and motor cycles had to reach their destinations on the County Down side of the river by other routes. In some places the wooden pavements were removed, and were floating about in the water. The whole area from the Albert Memorial to the Harbour Office was converted into a pond.

At Stanmillis the river flooded its banks, and the tram traffic near the terminus was held up. At Sydenham the tide was so high that it flooded many houses in this low-lying part of the city.

Mr. F. Gullen, M.Inst.C.E., the Assistant City Engineer, declared that there had not been anything so abnormal in the way of spring tides in Belfast during his twenty-two years' experience in the city. At the Harbour Office it was stated that the tide rose 15 feet 6 inches above harbour datum, which was the highest in the history of the port, and two inches above the floods of November, 1895. It was the highest tide ever recorded in Belfast, and the harbour records there go back to 1865.

In spite of the volume of water no lives were endangered, and the amount of property permanently damaged was inconsiderable. Mr. T. S. Gilbert, the Harbour Engineer, states that the water rose to the level of a very high tide at 9.40 a.m., and reached the height of 14 feet 2 inches. By ten past ten it had dropped no fewer than nine inches, and then rose again to the record figure of 15 feet 4 inches.

GRAVING DOCKS FLOODED.

Water overflowed into all the graving docks, but the most exciting scenes took place at the Clarendon Graving Docks. Shortly before the turn of the tide the water swept right over the quay into Clarendon No. 1 Graving Dock, in which No. 5 ferry boat was under repair. Between No. 1 and No. 2 Clarendon Dock a wall of water more than a foot high swept forward and quickly filled the No. 1 Dock, and endangered the ferry boat. The plates of this boat were removed for repair, and the water got into the stem, and the boat began to settle down, and was in grave danger of capsizing. Mr. Gilbert instantly took steps to deal with the unusual situation. Dozens of men procured beams and buoyed up the ferry-boat and made it secure.

In the Pilot street the water rose over a foot deep, and many private houses were flooded, the water penetrating even to the back yards. A considerable quantity of grain and other goods was damaged at the Northern Storage Company's premises.

The only people who seemed to enjoy the visitation was a number of children in the Pilot street area who had the pleasure of seeing the seaside brought to their doors. They splashed about in their bare feet until the water subsided, about 12.30 o'clock.

At the Christmas season of 1824—exactly a century ago—the area now flooded was subjected to a similar visitation. A severe gale from the north-east was accompanied by hours of torrential rain, which lasted throughout the whole forenoon. The tide was raised to a height parallel to that of to-day, with the result that the quays were inundated, and cellars, yards, stores, and ground floors of premises in part of High street, Skipper street, Store lane, Tomb street, James street, and Corporation street were flooded for several hours. The whole line of quays from Ritchie's Dock to what was then known as the Long Bridge suffered a great deal of injury from the floods.

PROMENADE DAMAGED.

At Whitehead, at entrance to Belfast Lough, huge waves crashed over every part of the promenade, which is a wooden structure. A number of seats were broken, and huge boulders were thrown up against the club-house of the County Antrim Yacht Club, breaking in the heavy doors. Some boats

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THE ROSCOMMON BY-ELECTION.

GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE SELECTED.

From Our Own Reporter.

ROSCOMMON, Sunday.

Mr. Martin Conlon, of Dublin, was selected at a Convention in Roscommon today as the Cumann na nGaedheal candidate at the forthcoming Dail by-election for the County Roscommon.

The Convention, over which Mr. William Sears, T.D., presided, was not open to the Press, and the proceedings lasted for more than four hours.

The delegates, who numbered about thirty, included the Rev. Malachy MacBrennan, C.C., Mantua, Chairman of the County Roscommon organisation of the Cumann na nGaedheal.

At the conclusion of the Convention, the representatives of the Press were informed that, in addition to Mr. Conlon, Mr. Michael Brennan, a local farmer and Chairman of the County Council, was proposed, and that the selection of Mr. Conlon was carried by a large majority.

At a farmers' convention, held in Castlerea recently, it was decided to send forward to the Cumann na nGaedheal Convention the name of Mr. Brennan as a suitable candidate for both the Farming and Government Party interests.

Mr. Conlon, who is a native of Kilmore, in the Northern end of the county, is an official in the Rates Department of the Dublin Corporation, and is an Honorary Secretary of the Central Organisation of the Cumann na nGaedheal.

As a result of to-day's proceedings, it is understood that the Farmers' Party will not put forward a candidate.

The Republican Party has already selected Mr. J. J. O'Kelly, known as "Sceilg."

There is no definite information as to whether Mr. Joseph Finlay, of the National group, whose resignation caused the vacancy, will be a third candidate.

At the general election there were fourteen candidates for the four seats in this constituency. The result was:—Count Plunkett (Republican), 6,609; G. Boland (Republican), 3,845; A. Lavin (Government), 5,009, and H. J. Finlay (Government), 3,827. The totals of the first preference votes were:—Government, 12,995; Republican, 11,394; Farmers, 3,814; Labour, 1,545; Independents, 1,447.

THE CAVAN VACANCY.

FARMERS' CANDIDATE CHOSEN.

A Farmers' Convention in Cavan yesterday unanimously selected Mr. John F. O'Hanlon, of the *Anglo-Celt*, Cavan, as their candidate at the coming by-election, and he has consented to stand.

Mr. M. F. O'Hanlon, the General Secretary, stated that the Farmers' Organisation would run their candidate independently, and that there would be no arrangement with the Government Party.

POLITICAL NOTES.

PRESIDENCY RUMOURS.

By A Political Correspondent.

A Convention of the Cumann na nGaedheal was held yesterday for the constituency of North Dublin to consider the selection of candidates for election to the Dail. Two vacancies exist in North Dublin through the resignation of Mr. Sean M'Garry and Mr. Frank Cahill, who resigned with Mr. Joseph McGrath in November.

The names selected, to be sent forward for the approval of the Standing Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal, were those of Mr. Dolan O'Connor and Mr. P. J. Laurence. Mr. O'Connor, who resides in Hollybank road, Drumcondra, is a chartered accountant, of the firm of D. O'Connor and Co., 13 Westmoreland street, Dublin, and also a lecturer in accountancy at the National University.

Mr. Laurence, who is managing director of the Irish-American Oil Company, and a well-known business man, was recently co-opted on the Organising Committee set up by Cumann na nGaedheal under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Walsh to prepare for pending by-elections, when, as stated recently by Mr. O'Higgins, "it was felt to be desirable to associate with the Committee in its task responsible citizens representative of various elements in the life of the country and of the capital."

Currency is still being given in some quarters to the old rumour that Mr. Cosgrave will not be President of the Executive Council much longer. The political correspondent of a provincial newspaper says that the view is gaining ground that Mr. Cosgrave is "likely to relinquish the Presidency at an early date, if, indeed, he ever again appears in the Dail, and that the question of his successor is being openly discussed in political conversations."

It can be stated that any such change would surprise completely the President's colleagues on the Executive Council. He has not directly or indirectly suggested that there was any question as to his resuming duty at the conclusion of his holiday.

Mr. O'Higgins, who is at the head of affairs in Mr. Cosgrave's absence, stated yesterday that he has every confidence that the President will be in his place at the re-assembly of the Dail at the beginning of February.

The rumour, in Mr. O'Higgins' opinion, does not deserve the slightest attention.

President Cosgrave is reported to be deriving benefit to his health from his holiday in the South of France, and in the expected course of events will return to Dublin in time to place himself in touch with business before the date fixed for the re-assembly of the Dail.

The Railways (Directorate) Act, which passed through both Houses of the Oireachtas during the recent session, received the signature of the Governor-General last Saturday evening.

THE SALE OF DRINK.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR BILL IN FORCE.

The Intoxicating Liquor Act is in force from to-day, having been signed by the Governor-General last Saturday.

Of its provisions (of which we gave a summary last Wednesday) that which will be noticed first in operation is the one relating to hours of sale. Under that secton the closing hour for public-houses is 10 p.m. (9.30 p.m. on Saturdays; that is to say, half an hour later than the hour enforced under the Act which has been in operation since last mid-summer.

To-night, then, it is expected that public-houses, after about six months of the drastically restricted hours of the 1923 Act, will be open until 10 p.m. The hours are uniform over the whole country. Before the enforcement of the 1923 Act public-houses in Dublin were open till 11 p.m. on ordinary week-nights.

Publicans, besides giving effect to the new hours, must give attention to various other sections of the Act, such as those relating to the employment of young persons and the sale of drink to young persons sent as messengers. There are points also for the attention of club managers.

THE COUNTY CORK MURDER.

CONDEMNED WOMAN REPRIEVED.

We understand that the woman, Mary Moynihan, a farm servant, who was convicted at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, on the 12th December of the wilful murder of her mistress, a farmer's wife, in the County Cork, and sentenced to be executed, has been reprieved by the Governor-General.

The jury who tried the prisoner strongly recommended her to mercy.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT

CALCUTTA, Sunday.

Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, who are touring in India, left here to-day for Bikanir.—(Reuter.)

FRENCH PRESS PROSECUTION.

HOW THE "ECLAIR" OFFENDED.

SECRET REPORTS PRINTED.

M. HERRIOT AND HIS CRITICS.

PARIS, Sunday.

The Government's decision to prosecute the *Eclair* for publishing General Nollet's report of last April, followed by a spectacular, but fruitless, search at the offices of the paper, in which it appears that nothing was found but an eighteen-months'-old report on German aviation, has raised a storm of protest from practically the entire French Press, which is stung by what it considers an infringement of the liberty of the Press.

In the words of one writer, the Government has bitten off more than it can chew, and there is no lack of prophets to declare that the Ministerial omens are not favourable.

The *Temps* cites Victor Hugo's dictum—Press prosecutions are the obvious signs of Governments at bay; and after recalling various historical precedents, it asks whether there is a mysterious law that proceedings against the Press should sound the death-knell of the Governments which order them.

The *Journal des Débats* speaks of the last drop that causes the cup to overflow.

M. de Naleche, President of the Syndicat of the Paris Press, lost no time in writing to M. Herriot, protesting against this flagrant attack on the freedom of the Press.

M. Herriot replied, declaring that the freedom of the Press was not in question, and was upheld by the Government. Since his advent to power, however, he had several times had occasion to observe the untoward consequences of indiscretions, which more than once had hindered diplomatic negotiations. The recent publication by the *Eclair* of an abridged memorandum of the Chequers meeting had involved not only the French, but the British, Premier.

General Nollet's report, M. Herriot declared, was an especially confidential document, which could not be published without the consent of the Allied Governments. M. Herriot said, in conclusion, that it was the Government's duty to prosecute the offending newspaper.

Pointing out that the *Eclair* published the Chequers memorandum on Wednesday, and the Nollet report yesterday, the *Temps* says that the former inconveniences the French Government, and the latter inconveniences the German Government, and it suggests the real motive of the legal proceedings is the publication of the first document.

Perhaps the most striking comment is that of Senator Henry de Jouvenel, who says in the *Matin*:—"The proceedings in the *Liberté* were ridiculous, those against the *Eclair* are odious."—(Reuter.)

FRENCH AMNESTY BILL.

SENATE OBJECTS TO WHITE-WASHING.

PARIS, Saturday.

The present Parliamentary session closes on December 31, when both Houses will adjourn until January 13.

The Government will make every effort to secure the final passage of the Amnesty Bill before Parliament rises. The amnesty will be a "useful New Year's" gift. Chamber and Senate do not see eye to eye on the bill, which, voted by the Chamber, was amended by the Senate, re-amended by the Chamber, and now again amended by the Senate. The difficulty is to find a compromise, to prevent the process continuing *ad infinitum*.

The chief points at issue are the application of the amnesty to deserters, anarchists, and the dismissed railwaymen. The Chamber favours the widest possible pardon. The Senate draws the line at whitewashing the three classes mentioned above.

In the debate on December 24 on the bill in the Senate a majority in three dieffrent divisions voted against the Government. The defeat was only moral, as the question of confidence had not been raised, but none the less significant. The Government is once more reminded that it must step warily in the Upper House, where the majority is Radical-Socialist, but of a much more conservative brand than that of the Chamber.

It is now certain that the 1925 Budget will not be voted this session. The Government is, therefore, obliged to ask for two monthly votes on account before the recess to carry the Treasury over January and February.—(Reuter.)

KRUPPS AND ARMS.

REPLY TO AMERICAN BANKERS.

New York, Sunday.

The banking firm of Messrs. Goldman, Sachs and Co., as head of a syndicate, which is bringing out to-morrow 10,000,000 dollars of notes for Krupps, yesterday telegraphed to Essen for categorical information concerning the published reports that arms have been found there in excess of what is permitted under the Treaty of Versailles. They have received the following reply from Krupps:—"The Inter-Allied Military Control Commission has been in Essen almost five years. In accordance with the instructions of this Commission, all special equipment for the manufacture of war material has been destroyed, except special pieces of machinery which have been allowed by the Inter-Allied Control Commission for the production of a few guns, as permitted under the Treaty of Versailles. We are negotiating now with the Commission, with regard to the retention of some unimportant equipment, and a few normal working machines, which we have in use exclusively for the production of ordinary commercial goods. Since the Peace Treaty went into effect not one piece of war material has been produced here."

In an additional statement the bankers said that they had been at pains to inquire before and after arranging the loan, whether Krupps was producing anything but industrial articles, and had learned that since 1919 these were the only manufactures of the company.—(*Times* telegram.)

FRANCE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

HOW FOREIGN DEBTS HAVE INCREASED.

PARIS, December 27.

The *Matin* publishes an account of the financial condition of France. The National Debt on December 31, 1912, was 32,594,000,000 francs, to-day it amounts to 277,850,000,000 francs (paper), or 73,550,000,000 francs (gold), while its foreign debt is 35,964,000,000 francs, an increase of 330 per cent. since the outbreak of war.

The British debt has increased by 1,060 per cent., the Belgian by 230 per cent., the American by 780 per cent., and the Italian by 187 per cent.

The balance sheet of France is given briefly as follows:—

Credit—Immovable property, 92,850,000,000 francs; perpetual rentes, 596,000,000,000 francs; credits under the Dawes Plan, 103,900,000,000 francs; cash, 4,080,000,000 francs. Total, 796,830,000,000 francs.

Debit—Long term or perpetual rentes, 492,545,000,000 francs; short term endebtedness, 76,494,000,000 francs; floating debt, 91,281,000,000 francs. Total 660,320,000,000 francs.—(Reuter.)

WEST AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP.

The official forecast of the Western Australia cereal crops for the season 1924-25 is as follows:—

Wheat—20,733,088 bushels from 1,817,261 acres, an average yield of 11.4 bushels per acre. This is an increase on last season of 181,817 bushels and 160,346 acres under crop.

Oats—5,304,570 bushels, an average of 14.2 bushels per acre, an estimated gain on the previous season of 2,457,920 bushels and 132,074 acres.

EVACUATION OF COLOGNE.

DELAY CAUSES GERMAN PROTESTS.

FRANCE AND THE RUHR

BERLIN, Sunday.

The decision of the Ambassadors' Conference that the Cologne zone shall not be evacuated on January 10 did not come as a surprise either to official circles here or to the German Press, for the news from Paris and London during recent days had made such a decision a foregone conclusion.

Protests of indignation against this "flagrant breach of the Treaty of Versailles," as the Nationalist journals describe the Allies' unanimous resolve, are naturally loud, and even somewhat violent, but it is doubtful whether they reflect the views of the man in the street, who really cares very little whether Cologne remains occupied for a few months longer or not.

The real danger which it is felt may arise from the Allies' decision is that it may be made a pretext next year not to evacuate the Ruhr in September as was promised at the London Conference. Some Nationalist journals are in fact already certain that this will be the case, and that the French have no intention of evacuating the Ruhr, but will remain there indefinitely on the ground that Germany has not fulfilled the military terms of the Treaty of Versailles. This assertion is vigorously denied in all quarters and by all the newspapers. The German Government is now awaiting a Note from the Ambassadors' Conference before taking counter-action, which there is good reason for stating will consist of a Note of protest to the Allied Governments and to the League of Nations against "a breach of the Treaty of Versailles without any justification," and of a request for a definite date to be fixed for the simultaneous evacuation of the Cologne zone and of the Ruhr next year.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Commenting on the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference regarding the evacuation of Cologne, the *Vorwaerts* to-day says—"The attitude of the Governments in Paris and London could only be described as wise on the supposition that they believed they could quietly pass over the opinions and feelings of the whole German people. No people can come to peace so long as it does not possess a securely fenced-in territory in which its word alone prevails."

Writing in the *Berliner Tageblatt*, under the caption "The Lame Herriot," Theodor Wolff says: "If the Order is for the occupation to go on indefinitely, then the underlying idea of political power and Imperialism that Foch and company have instilled into the head of Herriot becomes manifest. It is not an imposing sight to see a reconciler of the peoples using General Foch's sabre as a crutch."

Georg Bernhardt, in the *Vossische Zeitung*, remarks—"The difficulties appear to have come from England. The whole Baldwin Government must be regarded as the embodiment of crass economic Imperialism. Maintenance of the evacuation date and the restoration of Germany's independence are a necessary condition for the carrying out of the Dawes scheme."—(Reuter.)

POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE TENSE.

COLOGNE, Sunday.

The political atmosphere here is tense—in some directions almost as tense as in January, 1922, with the difference that in certain quarters there is a disposition to put the chief blame for the course which events have taken on Great Britain. There are even traces of a revival of the "Gott Strafe England" attitude amongst the Nationalists, who speak of France as the frank hereditary enemy but of England as once again a false friend, who encouraged hopes of an era of friendly adjustment of differences, and who now disavows the signature of the London Agreement and the Anglo-German Commercial Treaty, ignores Germany's general fulfilment of the Treaty, finds certain i's not dotted and t's not crossed, and joins in the French policy of dictation and sanctions.

Almost alone the Cologne Social Democrats reaffirm rather faintheartedly their confidence in the French Prime Minister. Even quite moderate Left Centre leaders revive the bogey, a brutal policy of compensation, in which France is given her head on the Rhine in exchange for complaisance shown to Great Britain in Egypt and Iraq, declaring this to be undoubtedly the real explanation of Allied action concerning Cologne.

At the same time one begins to hear whispered complaints against British military administration, protests against severity at certain frontier control posts, against what are called arbitrary raids on working-class districts in search of wholly non-existent weapons, and other similar complaints, all tending to suggest that the British military authorities in the Rhineland are now acting with greater severity than the French.

The strange thing is that nothing was heard of such complaints, though they appeared to refer to the past six months, until it was realised that Rhenish hopes concerning the evacuation were doomed to disappointment.—(*Times* telegram).

ITALIAN MURDER PLOTS.

MUSSOLINI ACCUSED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Saturday.

The Opposition has dealt Signor Mussolini another staggering blow by publishing the text of a memorandum written by Cesare Rossi, former chief of the Government Press Bureau, who is under arrest for his share in the Matteotti murder.

The memorandum directly imputes to Signor Mussolini knowledge of all the crimes committed under the Fascist *regime*, and implies his complicity. It far exceeds in importance all documents published hitherto, and has caused an enormous sensation.

Rossi was the Prime Minister's right-hand man throughout the Fascist agitation, and the march to Rome. He has held the highest offices in the Fascist Party, including that of General Secretary and member of the Fascist Grand Council.

The memorandum was written by him before his arrest.

In it he states that Signor Mussolini personally ordered General Balbo to punish Deputy Misuri for his insurgent speech in the Chamber and likewise ordered General de Bono, the Director of the Police, to punish ex-Minister Amendola for his relentless opposition. One day, the memorandum proceeds, Mussolini ordered Rossi to send emissaries to Milan to murder Cesare Forni, the Fascist insurgent candidate at the local elections.

The raid on ex-Prime Minister Nitti's villa was organised with Signor Mussolini's consent, it is declared, and the Prime Minister personally instructed Under-Secretary Finzi to advance the sum of 10,000 lire to three Fascists to enable them to proceed to Paris and "avenge" the murder of the Fascist Geri, while the Director of Police furnished them with bogus passports.

The memorandum, indeed, in its hideous details of organised crime recalls the days of the Borgias.

Rossi states that he can furnish unassailable evidence for every assertion made in the memorandum, and that he will bring out his proofs and many additional details in Court.

INTENSE INTEREST IN ROME.

ROME, Sunday.

The memorandum issued by Signor Cesare Rossi yesterday, blaming prominent members of the Government for recent acts of violence, is commented upon at great length by the newspapers to-day, and is the universal topic of conversation in all circles, whatever their social order, throughout Rome.

Governmental circles show no alarm as a result of the publication of the document. The general attitude of the Fascist newspaper is that the memorandum is a bomb, which missed fire. It was well, they say, that the document was published, in order that the country might know that the Opposition had no more damning proofs of crimes in high Fascist circles than these, or it would not have attempted to crush the whole *regime* with merely personal assertions from "such a disreputable source."—(Reuter.)

At a Special Court in Cork Michael McCarthy and Maurice Walsh, of Blarney street, were remanded on bail to the Youghal District Sessions on a charge of breaking into a convent at Youghal in March last and stealing £16.

LATE NEWS.

THE DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.

AMBASSADORS' DECISION.

The Times observes in a leading article:—The Conference of Ambassadors, representing the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan, have taken a wise decision. They have unanimously resolved that Germany shall be apprised of the reasons for which the Allies cannot regard her as having fulfilled the disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty. These reasons are based upon the *interim* report of the Inter-Allied Mission of Military Control in Berlin, and are being set down in the form of a Note which will be despatched to the German Government.

It is much to be hoped that the Note to Germany setting forth the reasons for the postponement of evacuation will be made public. It is understood to be the opinion of the Ambassadors of the Occupying Powers who are stationed in Berlin that the whole report of the investigating Mission of Control should also be published, and their recommendation certainly calls for serious consideration by the Governments concerned. The Allies have nothing to hide. Such criticism as has already been levelled at the policy of the Government in this country has been due to the partial nature of the information that has been vouchsafed to the public. There is every reason to believe that publication of the full report would be welcome to the mass of the German people themselves, who are misled, as they were misled before the war, by a militarist *camarilla* having its headquarters in Prussia. It is believed to be the opinion of well-placed foreign observers in Berlin that the greater part of the German people is strongly inclined to peace. Whether this be the case or not will become more apparent when they, as well as the German and foreign military experts, are put in full possession of the facts. These facts have so far been withheld, and the German Minister of Defence declares that there has been no obstruction of the Allied investigating officers. The report will, we believe, be found to refute this assertion. It will also reveal that in two respects, at least, Germany has flagrantly violated in the spirit, if not in the letter, the disarmament terms of the Treaty.

According to a clause of Article 160 "the Great German General Staff and all similar organisations shall be dissolved, and may not be reconstituted in any form." It will probably be found that, although no General Staff exists in Berlin, or has, indeed, any habitat anywhere, its component parts have been reconstituted in the different military districts of Germany, and could without difficulty be united at short notice. It may also be found that, while the prohibition of conscription is being technically observed, the long-term service period of twelve years is being freely ignored, and recruits are being rapidly passed through a short-term course and discharged as soon as trained, so that although the total strength of the Army may not at any given moment exceed the legal 100,000, the number of trained men in the country is much greater and is growing.

It will, doubtless, not appear in the report, but it is notorious, that General von Seeckt, Chief of the Reichswehr, is practically War Minister, Chief of the General Staff, and head of the police, all in one. This is not to say that Germany is at the moment capable of carrying on a foreign war. So far as the heavy artillery and other necessaries of the last war are concerned, she is effectively disarmed; but the point to be established is whether or not she is preparing for a new war. Whatever is obvious in warfare, it has been said, is always obsolete. What are the weapons of the next war, and is Germany forging them?

ZERO WEATHER IN AMERICA.

THREE PERSONS FROZEN TO DEATH.

A second cold wave within a week, accompanied by a wind of thirty miles an hour, yesterday sent the temperature down below zero in Chicago, where three persons were frozen to death, and set the low mark for winter at 28 below zero in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Duluth, Minnesota, telegraphed *The Times* New York Correspondent last night. Throughout the North-West the range of temperature yesterday was from 10 to 34 below zero.

The head of the New York Weather Bureau has predicted zero for this city to-night, with a continuance for perhaps a week. The cold would be so intense and last so long, he said, that everybody would get used to it. At noon to-day the thermometer registered 22 degrees of frost.

THE COLOGNE DECISION.

VIEWS IN LONDON PRESS.

The *Daily Telegraph*, in a leader on the Cologne decision, says:—Whatever is to follow the whole question must remain in suspense, so far as this country is concerned, until the considered verdict of the Disarmament Commission has been delivered. To take any other view would stultify the Governments which insisted on the work of re-inspection, begun four months ago, as Dr. Marx is very well able to understand. In these circumstances, to raise an outcry over the postponement of the evacuation of the Cologne area is against reason, and can but embarrass the efforts of those who are seeking to preserve the improvement in the general situation which was brought about by the London Conference.

The *Daily Express* says:—In view of the attitude of a certain section of the German public, there is no choice but to maintain Allied solidarity of action until the Germans themselves provide irrefutable arguments in favour of their contentions.

The *Westminster Gazette* says:—The best that can be said for the British attitude is that, as the French might take our place in Cologne so long as the Ruhr remained in French hands, we may even be helping the moderate elements in Germany by staying on at Cologne, though we have made far too many of these conscience-saving justifications during recent years.

The *Daily News* observes:—Every intelligent German knows that if we were to evacuate the Cologne area now, it would be re-occupied by French troops at once in order to protect the French position in the Ruhr, and our new understanding with France would be at an end. The one hope arising out of this unfortunate situation is that as the result of a candid discussion France may be persuaded to hasten her evacuation of the Ruhr conditionally upon the exact and honest performance by Germany of her engagements under the Treaty.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM ARCHER.

DRAMATIC CRITIC AND AUTHOR.

The Times announces that Mr. William Archer, the dramatic critic and author of "The Green Goddess," died in London on Saturday, at the age of 68. With his death, adds *The Times*, there comes to an end a long and active life, chiefly devoted to the service of the theatre. After some early experience of journalism in Scotland and of travel in Australia, he entered upon that career of dramatic criticism in London upon which, together with his translations of the work of Scandinavian dramatists, his reputation was founded. His strength, as well as his weakness, as a critic lay in the rigidity of the logic upon which his critical principles were built up.

He was widely and deeply read; he was able at will to bring to the support of his theories a wealth of knowledge that extended far beyond the boundaries of his own country, and he had a retentive memory for detail. These powers, combined with a scholarly love of literature and a style which never betrayed hesitation in his own mind, made it certain that his opinions would always be received with respect even by those who differed from them.

During the early hours of Christmas morning the licensed premises of Mrs. Carey, North Main street, Cork, were broken into and a large quantity of wine and whiskey was taken. The Civic Guards have made two arrests, and at a Special Court on Saturday James Warren, North Main street, was remanded on bail.

FREE STATE'S PROGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT'S REVIEW.

LEGISLATION AND ENTERPRISE.

BOUNDARY POSITION HOPEFUL.

President Cosgrave has sent the following message to the *New York American* to mark the third anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty:—

We have emerged out of the welter of the Irish revolution, a small State labouring under the natural difficulties of the time, and progressing slowly, but surely and steadily, towards that prosperity and happiness which was to us always the promise of national freedom.

To-day, on the third anniversary of the signing of the Treaty with England, we can look back on a year of substantial constructive effort, and can more confidently than ever face the future. The darkest hours of Ireland's life are past, and the wounds of the national struggle are healing.

The Treaty has already brought to Ireland much of what Arthur Griffith prophesied, the rest is coming. The people are grappling with the problems consequential on both their past subjection and their liberation. Last year we had restored order, made ourselves a Constitution, created a new judiciary, a police force and an army, settled our most difficult agrarian questions, raised an internal loan of £10,000,000, and laid the foundation for the restoration of the national culture.

ECONOMICS.

The Irish mind is turning from politics, in the old sense, to economics. The work of the Oireachtas, particularly in the last six months, has been almost entirely in that sphere, and its effects should begin to be apparent very soon. A bill dealing with live-stock breeding, for example, is at present before the Deputies, and the Minister for Lands and Agriculture has estimated that it will improve the value of Irish cattle and products by £8,000,000 annually. I am told that this is a conservative estimate. Other Acts are designed to increase the value of Irish butter and eggs on the English market. Our exports of these two items alone amount at present to about £12,000,000 a year, but recently the Danes have been encroaching substantially on the market, and we must see to it that our eggs are carefully graded and packed if we are to compete with them successfully. We propose also to provide a national market for butter which will be an absolute guarantee of high quality.

Small tariffs have been livied for the encouragement of several industries. It is with such practical matters, affecting the lives of the people, that the Irish Parliament is now mainly concerned.

For the first time since 1914, Government loans are now available for farmers who want to improve their farm buildings or land. Our roads are being rapidly improved, over £1,000,000 being spent on them. An effort is being made to meet the housing shortage by granting loans to local authorities, and subsidies to private builders. The sugar-beet and dead meat industries—both of which are eminently suitable to the country—are being investigated, and Government support will be forthcoming.

In regard to unemployment, this is undoubtedly as pressing a problem with us as in most other States, but not more so. In our efforts to remedy it our policy has been, not to promote unproductive relief works which must of their nature be merely palliative, but to restore normal industrial conditions and start permanent constructive work. Directly and indirectly, the Government has made available about £11,000,000 to be spent in this way during the next couple of years. This includes seven millions paid as compensation for damage during the De Valera disorders.

Business is gradually recovering from the slump of the war years. It must be remembered that the adverse conditions which have affected it in other countries were here supplemented by conditions peculiar to ourselves. But those times are now, we hope, well behind us.

One of Ireland's chief concerns at present is with the great scheme for utilising the power of the River Shannon to supply the whole nation with cheap light, heat and power. The Government has been in negotiation with a great Continental firm on this project, and when the work has begun it will directly give employment to at least 8,000 men for a number of years.

THE BOUNDARY.

One political question is still of prime importance. Powerful influences have been steadily at work to wreck one clause of the Anglo-Irish Treaty—that which provides the machinery by which those areas of Northern Ireland, a majority of whose inhabitants were unwillingly cut off from citizenship of the Free State, may be restored to the Government of their choice. To-day, however, the Boundary Commission is actually in session, and we have reason to believe that its findings will be in accordance with the merits of the case. I need hardly add that the people of the Free State have no ambition to acquire unwilling citizens. We are anxious, above all things, to secure the ultimate unity of our country and hope to achieve it when passion and prejudice have given place to good-will and a general recognition that such unity is essential to the well-being of all sections of our countrymen; but, in the meantime, we cannot ignore the wishes of thousands of Northern Nationalists who desire our citizenship and have, in fact, repeatedly demanded it.

AN OLD DISPUTE SETTLED.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S CLAIM.

TORONTO, Saturday.

I understand that an agreement has been reached between the Department of the Interior and the Hudson's Bay Company in regard to lands to which the company is entitled in the Western Provinces. Under the deed by which the company surrendered the ownership of Rupert's Land it claims that it is still entitled to nearly 7,100,000 acres. As a result of the negotiations with the officials of the Departmen of the Interior the company agreed to accept £1,327,300 in satisfaction of its claim. The dispute dates back to 1869.—(*Times* telegram.)

Thieves who entered by means of a duplicate key, the cigarette and sweet shop of Daniel McLoughlin, near the Dalymount football ground, Dublin, yesterday morning, stole cigarettes valued at over £6.

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RECORD FLOODS IN BELFAST.

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laid up for the winter adjoining the club-house were damaged.

A large "whaler," the property of Mr. Alexander McConnell, had one of its sides broken by another boat being thrown against it. For a distance of over ninety yards the wooden "sleepers" which form the top of the promenade, were completely torn away between the ladies' bathing-place and the bandstand, and a large quantity of woodwork was carried out to sea. The waves were carried over the railway track near Whitehead, a rather unusual sight. A 27-foot motor launch with a deck cabin, belonging to Mr. Johnston, Belfast, was completely wrecked at Port Davey, Islandmagee.

Damage was also done to some small boats at Bangor. The tide was so high at Bangor that it completely covered the enclosed bathing pond at Pickie Rock, all trace of which for the time being was lost. A number of winter-bathers had to get their morning dive from the roof of the bathing station. About half-a-dozen bathers did not hesitate to plunge into the high waves.

FLOODS IN DERRY.

STREETS TOTALLY SUBMERGED.

In Londonderry on Saturday morning, following the high tide, the River Foyle at several parts overflowed the quays and adjoining low-lying thoroughfares, the floods being described as the heaviest seen in the city for many years.

The water rose to a height of several feet in Foyle street, Strand road, William street, Chamberlain street, and Rossville street, which, for a considerable portion of the morning, were absolutely impassable even for vehicular traffic.

In spite of all the efforts of shopkeepers and housekeepers to stem the onrush, some shops and houses were brought partially under water, and considerable damage was done.

So severe, indeed, were the floods that even the omnibus service had to be partially suspended, and a new route on the higher levels was later taken by some of the vehicles. Some horses and carts were driven through the flooded areas, which the horses entered with a great deal of reluctance.

People going to business were held up by the floods. Many had to take circuitous routes on the higher lying parts of the city to reach their places of employment. Others remained on the outskirts of the flooded districts, awaiting the subsidence of the floods or the arrival of some vehicles, whose venturesome drivers braved the dangers. A few reckless youths were to be seen wading knee-deep through the water. Some motor cars ploughed their way through the floods, one of them meeting with some mishap, which held it up for over an hour in the centre of the flooded district.

Hundreds of rats, driven from their holes under the wharves, were to be seen in the early hours of the morning running helter-skelter in despair of finding escape from the onrush of the waters from the rivers. Large numbers of them were drowned.

Gradually the waters began to subside, and eventually it was found possible to resume the 'bus service. This proved an immense boon to pedestrians, who on reaching the flooded portions of Foyle street and Strand road, found further progress blocked, and had to wait until the arrival of a 'bus, which they then boarded and were carried to a part of the city which had escaped the floods.

The severity of the gale was felt throughout the entire North-West. Dwellinghouses and out-offices were in many cases partially stripped of their roofings. Much damage was done in haggards, where corn and hay were stacked. Many trees were uprooted, and traffic on numerous roads was consequently temporarily suspended.

Some of the oldest residents in the district declare that they have not experienced a storm of such ferocity for the past forty years.

Some novel scenes were witnessed on the city streets.

NEWRY STREETS SWAMPED.

Newry on Saturday suffered from heavy flooding in the southern portion of the town, due to a high spring tide and the overflowing of its banks by the Clandye River. Along the Mall, River street, Kilmorey street, and Warrenpoint road the flooding reached a depth of several inches. The ground floor levels and houses parallel to the river front were inundated, and some residents were obliged to retire upstairs until the turn of the tide, when the flooding began to abate. The Imperial Picture Palace, on the Mall, and the out-offices of the G.P.O. and back entrance were also involved, while so bad was the flooding on the Warrenpoint road that spectators going to the Newry Town v. Larne League match had to take to the highways and byways to reach the field of play. The water here was over the footboards of motor cars.

FLOODS AROUND STRABANE.

In Strabane and the surrounding country the force of the storm was felt so strongly that houses rocked. In Tyrone and Donegal both telegraph and telephone wires were blown down and big trees were uprooted and fell across the road. For miles along the Finn valley the lands and roads are still flooded and traffic is impossible. The River Finn overflowed its banks. Vast tracts of country are under water. Down the River Mourne came all sorts of things, carried from the fields. The rivers continued to rise till Saturday evening, when they abated.

BOAT BATTERED TO BITS.

The exceptionally high tide at Newcastle, Co. Down, on Saturday caused considerable damage. The motor launch St. George was battered to pieces, and the ss. Katherine, aground on the North Bull of Dundrum Bar, was carried into Millbay, a distance of half a mile. The iron paling along the Slieve Donard Hotel grounds was twisted into a shapelessmass, while the wall along the Downs tennis grounds was carried away. The central promenade was covered with a sheet of water.

DAMAGE IN DUNDALK.

In Dundalk damage was done through the blowing down of telegraph wires and trees, and in districts around the town many houses were damaged. On Saturday morning many of the low-lying parts of Dundalk were flooded. In the Castletown road area especially the adjoining drains overflowed and the water rushed into the houses. Houses in the quay area suffered a like fate. The tide reached half-way up Castle road, and practically covered the fair green and flowed into many of the side streets.

STORM IN THE SOUTH.

Some of the streets of Tralee were flooded to a depth of two feet, and houses in the neighbourhood of Rock street and Strand street were invaded by water, causing much inconvenience and distress.

There was vivid lightning in Tipperary in Saturday night, and snow fell after midnight covering the Galtee Mountains.

THE STORM AT SEA.

VESSELS LOST—MANY CASUALTIES.

Calamity has overtaken a German trawling fleet on the Western Islands of Scotland. One trawler was smashed ashore and thirteen lives were lost. Four other trawlers were caught in the gale, which swept in from the Atlantic, and a greater disaster is feared.

A German trawler man was succoured by the islanders, but as he cannot speak English and the islanders talk Gaelic, information is vague. The cables to Islay have been broken.

The German trawler fleet had been operating off Loch Fyne, and on Thursday night five set off for home. Rounding the Mull of Kintyre, the bleakest point of Scotland, they ran into a hurricane, and by the time they crossed the Sound of Jura and reached the Islay coast they were into the worst storm for years. Tumultuous seas continuously swept them.

A second section of the German fleet which set out returned to Loch Fyne for shelter.

LLOYD'S REPORT OF CASUALTIES.

Lloyd's yesterday issued the following reports:—

Walton-on-Naze, Sunday.—Steamer Atlantic, timber laden, is anchored off the Sunk light-vessel, abandoned. Eight of the crew, with the pilot, have been rescued by the Greek steamer Panaghi Vagliani. Six of the crew were rescued by the Walton lifeboat and landed at Harwich. The vessel is waterlogged.

Great Yarmouth, Saturday.—British steamer Gleneden, Calcutta for Dundee, is ashore on Winterton Reach. The vessel is bumping heavily. Cromer and Caister lifeboats have been launched. Tugs are proceeding. A later telegram states that the Gleneden was refloated and is proceeding slowly, with no apparent leakage.

A telegram from Grimsby, dated Saturday, stated that the Gleneden reported at 8.45:—"Am making water fast. May have to beach ship."

St. Catherine's Point, Sunday.—British steamer Dallington, Tyne for Naples, is off the Nab, and requires tug and pilot at once. Later this vessel was towed into Southampton.

LIVES LOST OFF WALES.

During the gale early on Saturday morning the Danish three-masted schooner Willemoes, of Marstal, went ashore under the cliffs at Furzenip, in Freshwater-West Bay, not far from the mouth of Milford Haven. A terrific sea was raging, but most of the crew were able to leave the ship and to get up the cliff to safety. The mate was washed away and drowned, but Captain Albert Jensen and three other men who formed the crew got ashore. The vessel is rapidly breaking up.

Two significant discoveries, tending to confirm the fears that the French sailing vessel, the Saint Caredec, has been wrecked on the South Wales coast, were made on Pembrey beach, near Llanelly, yesterday. The Christmas Day discovery of two bodies with lifebelts bearing the name Saint Caredec, and a ship's boat bearing the vessel's name, caused a sharp lookout to be kept along the coast, and yesterday a bottle was picked up containing a message in French.

While for the most part undecipherable, the purport of the message, which is headed Saint Caredec, and is dated December 24, is to the effect that the vessel had run aground, and the crew saw little hope of her getting off.

A French address was also given, but this could not be made out.

The second find was a small canvas bag, in which were several French documents. These were taken charge of by Customs officers.

The monitor Havelock, which was blown ashore from her moorings at Portsmouth on Saturday, was towed off yesterday.

STORM IN WALES.

VALLEYS FLOODED—BIG LANDSLIDE.

The storm swept with special ferocity over Wales. Following twenty-four hours' incessant rain and wild gale, the Festiniog Valley was inundated. The whole valley was practically one big lake, and vehicular traffic was greatly impeded. The storm reached its height at night, when thunder and vivid lightning added to the chorus of the elements. A postman of Bala waded waist-deep to deliver country letters.

By what is reputed to be the heaviest flood on record during the past thirty years, the Rhondda and Taff Rivers have overflowed their banks at several points, causing heavy destruction. The Rhondda Valley is isolated, so far as vehicular traffic is concerned. Trams cannot proceed or motor cars go beyond a mile from the town of Pontypridd, in the direction of the Rhondda, the road being flooded a distance of over two hundred yards to a depth of four feet. A circuitous route enabled the road traffic to get beyond this point, but even then only to proceed a further two miles, where at Trehafod the road is inundated for a considerable distance to a depth of at least seven feet.

A landslide in the mountain near Crumlin brought down 100 tons of rock and soil into the Llanhilleth-Pontypool main road, near Crumlin, on Saturday afternoon. All traffic is held up for the time being, and a gang of men is engaged in clearing the *debris*.

The sea broke over the West Shore Promenade, Llandudno, on Saturday forenoon and flooded the roadway to a depth of two feet. Considerable damage was caused to sea defences and roadways. The Valley of Conway was inundated for miles, and the Conway Valley Railway was flooded.

Aberystwyth, on Saturday morning, was flooded by the heaviest seas within recent memory. The promenade paving was torn up in parts, railings smashed, barricades around houses washed away, and rowing boats carried down the main streets. The inhabitants of low-lying houses in the Trefechan area were marooned, and men had to be taken to work in carts and boats.

The main road between Neath and Swansea was flooded. Several cars and motor 'buses which attempted to ford it were stuck in the water. A cottage on the roadside at Neath Abbey was flooded to a depth of six feet, and the occupants, including a mother with a day-old baby, had to be rescued through the bedroom windows.

GALE IN ENGLAND.

The rain storm in Westmorland was one of the heaviest and most prolonged of recent years. The River Eden was in high flood, and hundreds of acres of land were under water. A land slip occurred on the Eden Valley branch of the London and North-Eastern Railway, between Appleby and Kirkbythore Stations.

A tremendous sea at Teignmouth swept the promenade and flooded houses facing the sea. The waves swept over the pier and the railway line. The River Teign flooded the town, provision shops being inaccessible to customers. Football matches were abandoned.

THE AQUITANIA.

The Cunard Company announce that the Aquitania, from Southampton and Cherbourg for New York, was 591 miles west of Bishop's Rock at noon on Friday.

LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL.

The list of successes gained by pupils during the year there is ample evidence that the Londonderry High School continues to maintain, under its Board of Governors, of which the Duchess of Abercorn is the President, the high position which it has long held.

In the latest list of successes three valuable leaving scholarships—two to T.C.D. and one to Q.U.I.—are included, in addition to an entrance scholarship to Kildare place Training College. No fewer than half-a-dozen students matriculated. Notable distinctions were gained in the Intermediate examination. A first class exhibition, with first place in Northern Ireland, and a second class exhibition, with fourth place in Northern Ireland, came to the school, while quite a long roll of first places and Intermediate certificates have also been won. On the results of the Easter examinations, five of the Irish Society's Scholarships have become tenable at the school.

The musical successes are also excellent, while it is seen that students at Northlands, former pupils of which are giving a fine account of themselves, have secured five of the Northern Ministry of Education's diplomas in housecraft.

NATIVITY PLAY AT DALKEY.

Large numbers of people from Dublin and surrounding districts went to Dalkey Town Hall during the past week to see the Irish Nativity Play which is being performed there by nearly one hundred children, who have been trained by Lady O'Connell. It is remarkably well staged and the young actors and actresses perform their parts so well that the presentation has made a marked impression on all who have witnessed it. Among children this Nativity Play increases in popularity every day, while adults speak highly of it.

Owing to its great success, it has been decided to give additional performances on Sundays, January 4th and 11th, and on Mondays, January 5th and 12th.

COST OF LIVING IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Sunday.

With the object of allaying popular apprehensions that the new Austrian Customs tariff, which comes into force on January 1st, will cause a further increase in the cost of living, the Government publishes a formal assurance that the new tariff contains nothing to justify any rise in present prices. The authorities have also been instructed to see that the tariff is not made the pretext for an increase of prices, and to punish any attempt to use it for that purpose.—(Reuter.)

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Result of November exam. just announced. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. T. Cahill, R. Finan, J. Hender, A. O'Byrne, J. O'Connell, P. T. Rooney. —(Advt.)

MOTOR CAR'S FATAL SKID.

4 PERSONS DROWNED.

A shocking motor car accident occurred at Stokesay River Bridge, Craven Arms, Shropshire, yesterday, when four people—two men, a woman and a boy—were drowned.

The car, which was driven by a man, was going across a bridge when it skidded and fell thirty feet into the river below. There were six people in the car, and the other two were rescued by a Wolverhampton doctor.

One of the drowned was a blind man.

The names of the dead are Mr. Samuel Northway, of Grangetown, Cardiff, and his wife, Mrs. Anna Northway; William John Francis, aged three years nine months, and Thomas Walter Pinches, of Prollymoor, Wentnor, Salop.

The bridge which was the scene of the accident is a very old structure, with a guard of iron railings. The road at the spot turns almost at right angles, and is very dangerous to motorists.

THE TIPPERARY MURDER.

THREE ARRESTS.

In connection with the murder of Mr. Matthew Ryan, a farmer at Bohercrowe, Tipperary, on last Tuesday night, by three armed men, the Civic Guard made three arrests on suspicion on Saturday evening.

The arrested men are Richard Ruth, O'Meara's Cottages, Tipperary; Michael Moore, O'Connell road, Tipperary, and James Quish, Shronell, Tipperary. Ruth and Quish belong to the labouring class; Moore is a blacksmith's apprentice.

Ruth's house was searched on Saturday afternoon by the Civic Guard, but Ruth was not there at the time. In the evening a patrol of the Guards met him in the main street of Tipperary and arrested him. Quish was arrested by Superintendent McGrath at his house, Shronell, three miles from Tipperary.

The Guards are continuing to make the most searching investigations.

CLERGYMEN CONDEMN THE CRIME.

In St. Michael's Church, Tipperary, the priests at the several Masses condemned the murder in the strongest terms, and appealed to the people to come forward and help the civil authorities in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The Ven. Archdeacon Cotter, P.P., said that the blood of Mr. Ryan called to heaven for vengeance. It was a crime that would disgrace any civilised country on the face of the earth, but occurring as it did at this holy time, when there should be peace and good-will amongst men, the crime was far more terrible. He appealed to the people to come forward and help the civil authorities in tracing and punishing the guilty parties.

The Rev. W. Condon, C.C., said that it was a terrible thing that on the great feast of the Nativity of Our Saviour, a feast of peace and good-will among men, this unarmed and inoffensive young man should have been murdered in this cowardly fashion by masked and armed robbers on the public highway. What are we coming to, asked the preacher. Is there no protection or respect for human life and property? Our country is stained with most abominable crimes of murder and gross immorality that will call down on us the vengeance of a just God. It is up to the people to cry halt to this state of affairs, unless we want to see Ireland another Mexico, where the armed bully can do what he likes. The preacher appealed to the people to give every possible assistance in tracing the perpetrators.

The Rev. Father McGrath, C.C., paid a high tribute to Mr. Ryan's courageous stand against the armed robbers.

The Rev. E. Kelly, C.C., said that Mr. Ryan died as a brave man, and, unarmed as he was, refused to submit to his murderers. Unless the people bestirred themselves, and combined to resist the robber and the murderer, they were in for a terrible time.

FOUR PERSONS SHOT IN MINER'S HOUSE

ONE WOMAN DEAD

Late on Saturday night the Chesterfield police were called to a house at Staveley, where shooting had occurred.

On going to the back door, which they found open, they saw the dead body of one woman, aged about 58, lying face downwards across the entrance. She had a bullet wound in the back, and it is surmised that she was attempting to escape when she was shot dead.

They then discovered that another woman and her invalid brother-in-law had also been shot and removed to a neighbour's house, while upstairs, after forcing a bedroom door, they found the husband of the injured woman, a miner, lying on the bed suffering from wounds in the head and chest. By his side was a revolver, all the five chambers of which had been fired. The man's two children, who were also in the bedroom, were unharmed.

The three injured persons were removed to Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY TRAGEDY.

YOUTH ACCIDENTALLY INCIDENT.

On Christmas Day a very sad affair occurred at Drumlusty, near Carrickmacross, when Thomas Callan, aged eleven years, farmer's son, accidentally hanged himself in an out-building adjoining his parents' residence.

It appears that the house was partly used for storing a pony-trap, and a short noosed rope attached to the rafters or roof was used for securing the up-raised shafts. The boy, it is stated, spoke about making the rope more secure, and alone went to the house, provided with a chair, hammer and nails.

Shortly afterwards his parents were horrified to find him hanging dead, with the noose of the rope around his dislocated neck. The upturned chair furnished the only available explanation as to how the boy met his death.

It is surmised that while standing on the chair and further nailing the rope to the roof the boy put the noose over his head, and that while in this position and so engaged the chair was upset, thus causing a drop sufficient to strangle the poor lad.

SWALLOWED A TOY BALLOON.

LIVERPOOL CHILD'S DEATH.

While playing with a balloon on Christmas Eve, Bernard Bradkofsky, aged eight, the son of a fish hawker, of Liverpool, swallowed the toy and died within half an hour. The doctor later found in wedged in the windpipe.

The Liverpool City Coroner on Saturday returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

MARRIED WORTH MORE THAN SINGLE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THE HAGUE, Sunday.

The decision of the Secretary of the Dutch Navy to reduce the pay of all ratings from January 1st next — except in the case of married men—has caused a large number of "A.B.'s" suddenly to enter the money-saving state of matrimony. At the Naval base of Helder, yesterday sixty couples were married, and the remaining days of 1924 are expected to keep the Registrar on over-time.

IRAQ FRONTIER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Sunday.

The League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into the Iraq frontier dispute left here to-day for Constantinople. The Commission will proceed to Angora to obtain the Turkish point of view, and thence to Damascus, Bagdad and Mosul. Part of the time they will live under canvas, travelling with camels and mules, and accompanied by an escort furnished by the Turkish and British Governments.

EGYPTIAN LIBERAL AIMS.

RIGHTS IN THE SUDAN TO BE MAINTAINED.

CAIRO, Sunday.

Abdul Halim, a lawyer member of the Wafd, has resigned his membership owing to a divergence of view with his colleagues.

The *Siassa* to-day publishes an explanation of the policy of the Liberal Constitutionalists. It states, *inter alia*, that the party will continue to work for the independence of Egypt and the end of the British occupation; that it will endeavour to guard against any infringement of independence in future negotiations concerning reserved points.

It declares that the Sudan must not be separated from Egypt, and that Egyptian sovereignty and rights in the Sudan must be maintained, while Egypt herself must defend her own interests there.

Other planks in the platform are:—The entry of Egypt into the League of Nations as a sovereign independent State, the maintenance of the constitutional *régime*, the upholding of the nation's authority and the rights of the Throne, and preparation for the defence of Egypt against any foreign aggression.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

ZAGHLUL'S ADDRESS.

PRESENT GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED.

CAIRO, Sunday.

A manifesto issued by the Wafd Nationalist organisation, and signed by Zaghlul Pasha, consists principally of a denunciation of the Ziwar Pasha Ministry, which it roundly condemns for unconstitutional acts and defiance of public opinion. It declares, among other things, that the country now has a Government which is not acting in conformity with the people's principles, a Government which began by dissolving Parliament without facing Parliament, and by throwing into prison innocent persons, including deputies whose Parliamentary immunity it ignored, thereby directly violating the Constitution.

It was unnecessary, contends the manifesto, to dissolve Parliament and to hold new elections, as the last Ministry and Parliament had the confidence of the nation. Nobody in the country approves the present Government.

The manifesto accuses the Ministry of dismissing Omdas and others without proper reason. It strongly criticises the Government for modifying the electoral law, and prescribing new elector delegates, whereas under the Constitution the present elector delegates were elected for five years. It warns the people that Ziwar Pasha's Ministry is endeavouring to elect deputies who do not represent the real opinion of the country, and using its own means to attain its own ends. It declares that the Government is interfering with the freedom of election, and will be held responsible for its actions and their consequences.

The manifesto appeals to Mudirs and Omdas to be impartial during the elections, and to remember that they are Egyptians before all else.

Parliament was dissolved, it declares, not because it lacked the people's confidence, but because it represented the nation's real opinion. "Egyptians," it concludes, "you must teach the Ministry that despite all its efforts it will not attain its ends, and that you are aware of the dangers of electing deputies who do not support the Ministerial programme of the Zaghlulist Government which secured your unanimous approval."—(Press Association Foreign telegram.)

COMMUNISTS BANNED.

A SWISS CAMPAIGN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERNE, Sunday.

The Swiss Federal Council is expected shortly to begin a campaign to drive foreign Communists and other undesirable aliens from the country. The Federal Minister, anticipating the entry into the country of Bela Kun, former President of the Hungarian Council of Commissars, has called the attention of the authorities to the Swiss law of 1920, which prohibits the entry of Communists into the country.

Already the Swiss authorities have begun a search for Guilbeaux, a former French Army officer, who joined the Soviets, and who is now reported to be hiding in Bâle; for Wendelin Thomas, a former Reichstag Deputy; Leon Ilbert, Frida Eckert, and others who are believed to be seeking refuge in Switzerland.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

STATEMENT BY VISCOUNT KATO.

TOKIO, Sunday.

Viscount Kato, the Prime Minister, in a statement to representatives of the American Press, said:—"Japan keenly appreciates Mr. Coolidge's and Mr. Hughes's earnestness in denouncing the naval propagandists, thus indicating the reality of their friendship. The vicious activities of irresponsible individuals do not mislead us. We know that America and Japan desire peace.

"Japan is not contemplating war with any country, nor is she preparing for war either secretly or covertly. There is no question between us which is incapable of an amicable solution. We are especially grateful for America's most cordial welcome to Mr. Matsudaira, the new Ambassador at Washington."

The Japanese public, however, looks upon the reconciliation as purely official, and still resents the exclusion of Japanese from the United States. It is considered that the Government is making the best of a bad job.—(*Times* telegram.)

RUSSIA AND ALBANIA.

SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS GREAT BRITAIN.

RIGA, Sunday.

According to Moscow advices, the Soviet Press is indignantly accusing Great Britain, Italy, and Yugo-Slavia of bringing pressure to compel the Albanian Government to request the Soviet representative, Krakovetzki, to leave the country. Stekloff, the editor of the *Isvestia*, says:—"Three robbers made common cause—Italy, anxious to divide up Albania with Yugo-Slavia, and the arch-robber, Britain, thanks to whose lively Balkan activity, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Yugo-Slavia have patched up their quarrels in order to fight the Communist danger. These Balkan intrigues clearly show that Great Britain, the patron of every robbery, and the initator of every outrage, fully realises the danger threatening her grasping Imperialism from the growing strength of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."—(Reuter.)

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN EXPLOSION.

A THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED.

An explosion during the transhipment of gunpowder at Otaru yesterday (says a *Times* telegram from Tokio on Sunday) killed 120 and injured 200 persons.

Over a thousand houses were destroyed, and the whole water front was in flames.

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

TOKYO, Sunday.

Yesterday's disastrous explosion at Otaru, Hokkaido, occurred in the compound of the station. Eight hundred and sixty-five cases of dynamite were being unloaded when they all exploded, owing to one box dropping.

The railway station and coal and goods yards were set on fire, several lighters in the adjacent harbour were sunk, and buildings in the neighbourhood were shattered.

So far as is at present known the casualties stand at fifty killed, fifty seriously injured, and two hundred and eighty slightly injured.—(Reuter.)

Messrs. Richard Thomas and Company, tinplate manufacturers, have resolved to reopen their Lydney and Lydbrook tinplate mills, which were closed 14 days ago on account of depression. Seven hundred workmen are employed there.

DEMANDS OF INDIAN LIBERALS.

HINDU-MOSLEM UNITY APPROVED.

LUCKNOW, Sunday.

The Congress of the National Liberal Federation has concluded. Among the resolutions passed was one expressing profound sorrow at the death of Mr. Montagu.

Other items embodied in the resolutions were:—A demand for the publication of a report of the opinions of provincial Governments gives as evidence before the Reforms Inquiry Committee; a demand for the improvement of the position of Indians overseas; a condemnation of "Government actions in South Africa and Kenya"; a demand for the restriction of the powers of the Secretary of State, and the abolition of the Council of India; a demand for the grant of Dominion *status* to India; a demand for the abolition of provincial contributions to the Government of India; a demand for the Indianisation of the Army.

The Lee Commission's report was made the subject of criticism by delegates, and resolutions were adopted deprecating both it and the Bengal Ordinance for the suppression of revolutionary crime. One resolution was passed in favour of the movement for Hindu-Moslem unity.

Mr. Gandhi's Presidential address to the National Congress was not welcomed by prominent members of the Federation.

The Session is generally regarded as showing signs that the Party is regaining strength, and considerable interest in it is being evinced by political circles.—(Reuter.)

ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE AND LENIN.

BELGAUM, Sunday.

The All-India Congress Committee to-day discussed a motion regretting the death of Lenin. One speaker described the resolution as being out of place, and pointed out that no resolution had been submitted regretting the death of Mr. Samuel Montagu, the Secretary of State for India. The initiator of the Reform Scheme—Mr. Gandhi—thought that the resolution was outside the scope of the Committee. The motion was finally rejected by 63 votes to 54.—(Reuter.)

ZINOVIEFF'S CRUSADE AGAINST RELIGION.

BLASPHEMOUS MANIFESTO.

RIGA, Sunday.

The Bolshevists mobilised the Komsomoltsi, or youthful Communists, to divert the Christmas celebation into anti-religious channels, but, according to explanations which are appearing in the Press, in order to prevent the young ruffians from turning this exalted movement, as on previous occasions, into a mere riot of crude obscenities, which disgust rather than persuade, they authorised older and more experienced agitators in all big centres to guide the celebrations into more promising avenues.

Zinovieff has issued an anti-regligous appeal, in which he declared that, although the anti-regious campaign has failed hitherto, owing to faulty methods, the Communists are more undaunted. He said:—"We will grapple with the Lord God in due season. We shall vanquish Him in His Highest Heaven, and wherever He seeks refuge, and we shall subdue Him for ever. But we must understand that in our backward peasant country, where we are only as yet at the beginning of our work of culture and education, we must be cautious, much more cautious than hitherto."

The Soviet Press devotes many articles to this year's "Christmas campaign against God," in which stress is laid upon the impossibility of abolishing deep-rooted popular religious holidays, and it is agreed that Communist efforts must, therefore, be directed towards gaining control of them, and converting them into Communist holidays.—(*Times* telegram).

FRANCE'S DEBTS.

STRONG AMERICAN REMINDER

WASHINGTON, Sunday.

The question of the French debts is the subject of a leading article in the *Washington Post* this morning, signed by its editor, Mr. George Harvey, former Ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Harvey, I am given to understand, does not at all misrepresent the point of view of President Coolidge.

The article sets forth in some detail the overtures made by M. Jusserand to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mellon, and a passage from the article in the *Temps*, arguing that the French debts, for political as well as financial reasons, ought first to be subjected to severe revision, is cited.

Mr. Harvey goes on—"That is to say that M. Loucheur, the ablest and frankest of French Ministers of Finance in recent years, spoke the exact truth when he said to the writer of these lines, and subsequently declared for publication, that France considers all her debts political, not financial, and had not the remotest intention of ever paying any of them."

Then comes the following passage:—"It may be that the exact truth, thus plainly enunciated by M. Loucheur two years ago, is not the exact truth to-day; but the evasive shilly-shallying of the past few weeks has done much to convince the American people that it is, if no proof is ready at hand and can be quickly furnished. France will not admit that she is a repudiator, but she cannot deny that she is a defaulter. For various obvious reasons, as often happens to debtors, she cannot pay. For various other reasons more hazy, she cannot see her way clear to promise ever to pay. What, then, can she do? What should she do other than any corporation would surely do if confronted by a like condition?—call a meeting of her two creditors, give them full access to all information respecting her assets and liabilities, resources and prospects, and seek a fair, just, and generous settlement, which assuredly, though not necessarily upon the same terms, because of diverse circumstances, she would receive. If any other way of liquidating her obligations to her honour and credits can be found, very well. But it is not visible, and we do not believe it exists."

The action of Great Britain is appreciatively referred to, and France is urged to do likewise, "far more for her sake than for ours." Mr. Harvey reminds her that the events of the past few weeks have "given rise to grave misgivings of her good faith in the minds of the American people, who, after all, cannot forget they are taxing themselves 160,000,000 dollars a year to pay the interest upon the money which they borrowed to loan to France upon her honour and security."—(*Times* telegram).

DISCOVERY IN A LONDON HOUSE.

WOMAN DEAD AND HUSBAND DYING.

Early yesterday morning the dead body of a woman, Mary O'Mahony (37), employed as cook at a house in Hornton Court, Hornton street, Kensington, was found lying on the bed, and her husband, James O'Mahony, was discovered on the floor in a pool of blood. There was a wound in his throat and a razor was on the bed. The man was removed to St. Mary Abbott's Hospital, where he died two hours later. Dr. Travers, Divisional Surgeon, could find no sign of injury about the woman's body. A *post-mortem* examination will be held.

SPECIAL IRISH VISIT TO ROME.

Our advertising columns to-day contain an announcement from the Universal Bureau, 1 Northumberland avenue, Kingstown, of their intention to conduct a limited party of clergy and laity from Ireland to Rome on April 16th for the Holy Year ceremonies. The steamer will leave Queenstown, travelling by Cherbourg and Genoa, and returning by Florence, Milan, Lake Maggiore, Rhone Valley and Paris, arriving at Queenstown on May 13th. Of the tour of twenty-seven days, fourteen will be spent in Rome, where motor excursions under expert guides will be arranged, and two days in Paris. There will be no night travel. All information regarding the tour will be supplied by the Universal Bureau, or by Messrs. Hewetts Agency, D'Olier street, Dublin.

REFORM OF JAPAN'S UPPER HOUSE.

RESULT OF DIEHARDS' ACTION.

TOKYO, Sunday.

Mr. Yokota, Minister of Justice, last night announced that the Government Peers Reform Bill would be introduced this session.—(Reuter.)

TOKYO, Sunday.

The announcement of a Ministerial Peers Reform Bill this session is the immediate sequel to a threat from the rank-and-file of the Sei-Yu-Kai, which forms a not unimportant part of the present Coalition in power, that they would introduce a resolution demanding reform of the Upper House.

A somewhat embarrassing situation for the Government has, indeed, been cleared away by Mr. Yokota's announcement—at ant rate, for the time being.

The actual facts are that the die-hard section of the Sei-Yu-Kai declared, in the teeth of their leaders' advice, that they intended to move a resolution calling for urgent consideration of a reform measure. Had the resolution been carried it would have been virtually tantamount to a vote of non-confidence in the Government—not to mention splitting the Coalition. Such an incident, occurring at the outset of the session, on a day usually devoted to mere formalities, is regardedin politicial circles as indicating stormy times ahead, when real work is commenced, after the recess.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

LONDON THEATRES.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Basil Dean, who has been hailed as the most modern of British producers, has been shackled by the pantomime tradition of Drury Lane in his production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It is true that he abandoned the fairie spirit of the woodland scene and set it in heavy Teutonic surroundings, that looked more like a piece of the Rockies than a forest glade. Tradition, however, overcame him in the end, and he flooded the stage with fairies on wires, a Calibanesque-looking Puck, and a palace of Theseus scene, which only needed the Prince Charming and the Fairy Queen to make it a complete *finale* of a pantomime.

Nevertheless, Mr. Dean is entitled to more than measured praise for bringing back Shakespeare to Drury Lane, and, certainly, he was not lacking in courage when he engaged an all-star caste for the first production of the "Dream" seen at the Lane since 1833. The outstanding success was achieved by Dr. D. Hay Petrie, who gave us an impish faun-like Puck in an unconventional make-up. His acrobatics never interfered with his acting, and he showed that the reputation he gained at the "Old Vic" as the best Shakespearean comedian in England, had a very solid basis. The one failure was Miss Edith Evans, who was overcome by the size of the theatre and by her part. The Bottom of Mr. Wilfrid Walter was distinguished, without being a performance of genius. Of the other parts the most outstanding was Mr. Miles Malleson's Snout. It was the finest piece of comic acting seen for years. It seems unkind to dismiss the work of Allan Jeayes (Theseus), Bromber Wills (Meceus), Leon Quatermaine (Lysander), Frank Cellier (Quince), Gwen Ffangcon Davis (Titania), Athene Seyler (Hermia), in a few lines; but there is only space to say that they could not be bettered.

Mendelssohn's music is given in its entirety, and Michel Fokine has provided the production with some delightful ballets. Perhaps, after all, Mr. Dean was right in bowing to the pantomime tradition; for it may give a new vision of Shakespeare to those who think the Bard is out of date and that his works are for the class-room or the library alone.

"ALF'S BUTTON."

At one time it was reported that "Alf's Button" would be seen at Drury Lane instead of a pantomime. It is a Bairnsfather version of Aladdin with a lamp melted down into a button on a tunic of a soldier at the front. The application of a little soldier's friend—as a certain metal polish was known to the troops who fought in the great war—brings up the slave of the lamp on the scene to the bewilderment of Alf Higgins and his friend and comrade-in-arms.

The audience at the Prince's Theatre, where the play is now the holiday attraction, laughed until their sides ached, at the complications caused by the half-expressed wishes of the mud-covered Tommies who find themselves spending their leave in Blighty in a country mansion decorated with Arabian Nights lavishness and inhabited by dancing girls from the East and dusky slaves of the ring. There were certain crudities in the setting, but, on the whole, they were adequate and the acting commendable.

The burden of the work falls on Mr. Tubby Edlin, a music hall comedian, who is now cast for characters that in other days would have fallen to the lot of Mr. Alfred Lester.

PANTOMIMES.

London has three pantomimes in the West End this holiday season, and a dozen or so in the suburban theatres. The most lavish production is that at the London Hippodrome, where Mr. Julian Wylie, who lost by death his musical adviser, Mr. James Tate, and his stage director, Mr. Gus Solhke, has given the children a revue-like presentation of "Mother Goose." He has piled on the spectacle without regard to expense, which suggests that he anticipates that it will succeed in holding its place in public favour until Christmas is a distant memory and the Easter holidays are being anticipated. The legitimate stage, and not the music halls, have provided the principal girls for this pantomime, and the success of beautiful Isobel Elson and Florence Saunders should encourage other producers to repeat the experiment next year. Winifred Ward is the principal boy, and Shaun Glenville, who is ably seconded by Wee Georgie Wood, is the principal comedian. His humour is on the broad side, but subtleties are, perhaps, best left for the revues. Fred Conquest plays the goose, a remarkable performance that will keep the children dreaming quaint fancies for weeks to come.

A more homely production is that of "The Forty Thieves," at the Lyceum. There is very little story, and, while Oscar Asche relied upon his music and his stage effects when he used it as the basis of "Chu Chin Chow," the brothers Melville have wisely decided that for their purpose the old-time method of leaving it to the comedians is the best. The comedian-in-chief is George Jackley, who would never win a prize, either in a beauty competition or in a singing one. Still, he delighted the children, and induced them to sing a perfectly inane song about a "pom" with a vigour worthy of better stuff. There were dashing principal boys and baby dancers, besides transformation scenes and harlequinades, so the younger generation were able to recapture something of the spirit of the old-fashioned pantomime of our youth. The more sophisticated may prefer "Peter Pan," or "The Bluebird," or "Alice in Wonderland," but there are still enough children who revel in the more boisterous entertainment to make "The Forty Thieves" a big success.

Pantomime has kept alive the legend of "Dick Whittington," in spite of the exactitude of the historians. No child, after seeing the shapely and sprightly Dick which Miss Mabel Green presented at the New Oxford Theatre, will abandon the legend, which rather gains new converts and perpetuates the fiction. Charles Gulliver has cast his pantomime well, if he has stinted money somewhat on its production. He has engaged Wilkie Bard as his principal comedian, and if Bard's brand of humour is not to everyone's taste, it is in keeping with the spirit of the pantomime, and mirth provoking. There are plenty of songs with catchy choruses, knockabout comedians, a fairy queen and a demon king, to say nothing of Fred Whittaker's cat, which does everything—and talks. It is the least elaborate pantomime in London, but it is the funniest.

BARGAINS IN KNITTED WEAR.
Owing to the very mild weather the demand for knitted wear has been unusually slow this year, and the Marleen Salons, 114 St. Stephen's Green, have a large stock of Knitted Costumes, Frocks, Jumpers, Cardigans, etc., which they will clear during the next fortnight at greatly reduced prices. Afternoon and Evening Gowns will also be included in this Special Sale. —(Advt.)

FIGHTING OPIUM CURSE.

PROGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

GENEVA.

Now that the second Opium Conference has adjourned for the Christmas and New Year holidays, it may be interesting to survey, briefly, the results of its labours thus far.

It will be remembered that six sub-committees were formed to examine and report to the Conference on the various subjects contained in the agenda. Of these six sub-committees, five have already completed their work and will report to the Conference on its re-assembling on January 12th next. The labours of these five sub-committees consisted in a thorough examination of all the proposals submitted to the Conference with a view to the limitation of narcotics to medical and scientific purposes. Sub-committee "B" will meet again after the holidays in order to complete its work.

MOROCCO.

MUDDLE OF TANGIER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

TANGIER, Sunday.

The international zone of Tangier is nervous over the nearness of the Riffian war after last week's new outbreaks, but investigation shows that there is no reason for alarm and no reason for sending British warships here. This zone is perfectly quiet, so far as the Moors are concerned.

The frontiers of the international zone are well guarded, and besides this there is an enormous psychological factor—the Arabs, who fiercely attack Spain, become as tame as lambs when they enter the area in which Great Britain and France rule. Practically every Arab in the international zone is under "protection" of some Power or the Sultan of Morocco—which means France.

The real difficulty here is not the Moors, but the Europeans. Nine Powers signed the Treaty of Algeciras in 1906, establishing special international control of Tangier, with complicated international machinery of courts, capitulations, and police. Last summer three of the Powers—Britain, France and Spain—held a Conference without consulting the other Powers and abolished all the machinery established under the Treaty of Algeciras. When the United States and Italy were presented with a new agreement for signature, America intimated that it would agree if certain changes were made, but Great Britain and France declare that the agreement is already in force and cannot be changed. There is no doubt in anyone's mind here that another general Conference will have to deal with the question.

GREAT FIRE IN AMERICA.

BUSINESS QUARTER OF TOWN DESTROYED.

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI, Sunday.

A fire destroyed the entire business quarter of this town to-day, including the Post Office, Opera House, and a bank. The damage is estimated at a million and a half dollars.—(Reuter.)

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTITUDE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAPE TOWN, Sunday.

It is expected that the South African Government will be unable to accept the British Government's invitation to an Imperial Conference in London. The Premier, Mr. Hertzog has to meet Parliament in February, and, as it will be his first real legislative session, it is impossible for him to leave the country for several months.

The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive here at the end of April, and it is unthinkable that the South African Premier should be away during the Royal visit.

It is evident that there is considerable hostility towards the Geneva Protocol in this country, and it is extremely unlikely that it will be passed by the Union Parliament.

The *Cape Times*, a strong Imperialist journal, declares that the Protocol is an impracticable document and that it would be utterly foolish for South Africa to assent to it in anything like its present form.

INDIAN BATHING ACCIDENT.

SCOTTISH CLERGYMAN DROWNED.

MADRAS, Sunday.

The Rev. D. G. M. Leith, of the Wesleyan Mission here, was drowned in the sea off Ennore, a suburb of Madras, during a pleasure trip last night.

At the inquest to-day it was stated that the Leith family and a party of friends went to Ennore last week. During the pleasure trip last night four of the party, including Mr. Leith, went to bathe in the Lagoons. Mr. Leith stayed in shallow water, and had not the least suspicion of danger.

Suddenly he was overtaken by a strong current and carried away towards a whirlpool. He could not swim, and disappeared. Search was immediately made, and his dead body was found in shallow water.

Mr. Leith, who was born in Scotland, was 46 years of age. He came out to India 22 years ago, and his whole life in Madras was spent in educational activities and social service. He leaves a widow and two children.

AN IRISH WILL.

MANY LARGE BEQUESTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Campbell, D.L., of The Hermitage, Sligo, Chairman of Messrs. Harper Campbell, Limited, a director of the Sligo Steam Navigation Co., the Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway, the Commercial Insurance Co. of Ireland, and a member of the Sligo Harbour Commissioners, and whose family were formerly connected with the tanning industry in Belfast, died on 17th September last, aged 74 years, leaving unsettled personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £29,415 2s. Probate of the will, dated 10th November, 1921, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Olive Campbell, of 17 Stratton Street, Piccadilly, W., and William Campbell, of 62 Queensborough terrace, W., Barrister-at-Law. The testator left £333 6s. 8d. to each of the trustees of the will, £500 to his wife and furniture of the value of £500, and his motor car and brougham, and he directed that his wife's income shall be made up to £1,000 a year. He left £4,000 to his sister, Mary Perry, or, in the event of her predecease, to her five younger children; £150 per annum to his sister, Margaret Steen Moyers; £1,500 each to Mary and Ivan Boyd, £5,000 to his brother, Harper Campbell; £1,000 to Mrs. M. W. Combe, of Lisburn;

£1,000 to the Representative Church Body of Ireland for the repair of the fabric of St. John's Parish Church, Sligo;

£300 to the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, Dublin;

£300 to the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin;

£300 to the Masonic Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund, Dublin;

100 Ordinary and 50 Preference Shares in Harper Campbell, Ltd., to William A. Griffith;

50 Ordinary and 5 Preference Shares in Harper Campbell, Ltd., to Thomas Burrows, if respectively in the service of the company at his death;

£100 to Dr. McDowel, "in affectionate remembrance";

£50 to Harry Hallowes,

£100 to John Mullen,

£100 to William Chapman,

£50 to W. Smylie,

£50 to John Heivers, if respectively in his employ at his death.

The residue of the property, subject to a few other legacies and bequests, he left to his nephew, James Harper Poynter Campbell.

FATAL COLL[...] DUBL[...]

MOTOR CYCL[...] ARRE[...]

CHRISTMA[...] ACCID[...]

A verdict of accide[...] turned in the Dublin [...] at an inquest on the [...] Bolger, farmer, of Lo[...] silla, who died of inju[...] Christmas Eve in a co[...] motor bicycles in the [...]

After the proceeding[...] G. Block, Iveagh Buil[...] who drove one of the [...] under arrest. With S[...] of the collision were [...] H. Block, and Thom[...] Block, Iveagh Building[...] injuries to his arm [...] wrist, while Hanlon w[...] face. All three men g[...]

Mr. J. A. Cullen (Mes[...] represented the next-o[...] Guinan appeared for the[...]

Dr. William Derrick[...] that between 11.40 a[...] night of the accident, w[...] the Phœnix Park, he c[...] on the roadside, near t[...] Bolger was lying on the[...] about six feet from the[...] by were two motor bicy[...] car, which had been bro[...] machines lay beside the[...] lay on the opposite sid[...] away, on the city side.

The witness saw thr[...] whom he now identifie[...] them was drunk and t[...] He reported the matte[...] borough and conveye[...] Steevens's Hospital.

Inspector Guinan—W[...] drink taken in a condi[...] a motor bicycle?

The witness—Well, o[...] had met with an acci[...] have upset him.

Constable M. Powe[...] similar evidence as t[...] bicycles, adding that [...] much damaged. There[...] place where the collisio[...]

MEDICAL E[...]

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Dr. Murphy—He ap[...] drink taken.

Mr. Cullen—Was his [...] would have been capa[...] cycle with safety to h[...] think he was.

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Thomas Hanlon said[...] Stafford, and sat on the[...] Brown being in the sid[...] fully lighted and was[...] twelve miles an hour. [...] a motor cycle coming [...] wrong side of the road,[...] fifty miles an hour. H[...] up. Then he heard a [...] companions were throw[...]

The witness added th[...] left Dublin that evening[...] went to Summerhill, i[...]

Answering Inspector [...] "When we were going [...] publichouse in Blanch[...] bottle of stout. Furth[...] bottle of stout. We h[...] stout during the evenin[...] Michael Brown corrob[...]

MR. STAFFORD[...]

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"I blew the horn," [...] remembered nothing fu[...] and discovered that I [...] I was senseless for abo[...] collision."

To Mr. Cullen—I hav[...] for five years, and have[...] accident.

The Coroner—Did yo[...] you had two bottles of[...] he meant that we had [...]

To Mr. Cullen—We [...] drink at Callan's publi[...] two bottles of stout in [...] would not be drunk.

Hanlon, recalled, sai[...] his former statement th[...] of stout on the way to [...] did not take two.

The Coroner—What [...] were drinking the two [...]

The Witness—Nothin[...]

This concluded the ev[...] said that it would app[...] was due entirely to the[...] wisdom of Stafford and[...] cut for a joy ride." He[...] of Mr. Bolger's movem[...] day on Christmas Eve. [...] it appeared that he wa[...] ness in the morning, [...] dance in the afternoon, [...] at the Metropole Resta[...] to confession at the U[...] Stephen's Green, and [...] motor-cycle, went to H[...] and despatched some [...] to Leopardstown House[...]

On his way home he[...] friends on the North [...] clined their invitation [...] he particularly wished t[...] night, as he and the f[...] Holy Communion on[...] Christmas Day. Mr. [...] Bolger had possessed [...] six years, and was a[...] clear record.

Bringing in a ve[...] Death," the jury add[...] sympathy with the rel[...] Subsequently Stafford [...] and was escorted to th[...]

END OF [...] REVO[...]

SMALL CASU[...]

IRISH TIMES FO[...]
FROM OUR OWN [...]

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The remnants of Fann[...] thousand soldiers, have[...] shops are closed in the[...] houses fear that looting[...] Achmed Zogu's gendar[...] order.

The refugees who hav[...] number about five hund[...]

Monsignor Fannoli in[...] tends to return to Ame[...]

The total casualties [...] both sides are between [...] brings the grand total o[...] seventy casualties.

FATAL COLLISION IN DUBLIN.

MOTOR CYCLIST UNDER ARREST.

CHRISTMAS EVE ACCIDENT.

A verdict of accidental death was returned in the Dublin Morgue on Saturday at an inquest on the body of Michael J. Bolger, farmer, of Lohunda Park, Clonsilla, who died of injuries received late on Christmas Eve in a collision between two motor bicycles in the Phœnix Park.

After the proceedings James Stafford, of G. Block, Iveagh Buildings, Bride street, who drove one of the bicycles, was placed under arrest. With Stafford at the time of the collision were Michael Brown, 184 H. Block, and Thomas Hanlon, 119 E. Block, Iveagh Buildings. Stafford received injuries to his arm and Brown to his wrist, while Hanlon was injured about the face. All three men gave evidence.

Mr. J. A. Cullen (Messrs. Little and Cullen) represented the next-of-kin, and Inspector Guinan appeared for the police authorities.

Dr. William Derrick, Castleknock, stated that between 11.40 and 12 o'clock on the night of the accident, when motoring through the Phœnix Park, he came upon the deceased on the roadside, near the Phœnix Monument. Bolger was lying on the left side of the road, about six feet from the water channel. Near by were two motor bicycles, one with a side-car, which had been broken apart. One of the machines lay beside the deceased. The other lay on the opposite side, about twenty yards away, on the city side.

The witness saw three other men, two of whom he now identified as present. One of them was drunk and the others were sober. He reported the matter to the police at Bessborough and conveyed the deceased to Steevens's Hospital.

Inspector Guinan—Was the man who had drink taken in a condition to ride or control a motor bicycle?

The witness—Well, one must allow that he had met with an accident, and that would have upset him.

Constable M. Power, Bessborough, gave similar evidence as to the position of the bicycles, adding that both machines were much damaged. There was a lamp near the place where the collision occurred.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. William A. Murphy, house surgeon, Steevens's Hospital, said that when Bolger was admitted to the hospital, at about 12.30 a.m., he was unconscious and bleeding from his left ear and the nose and mouth. He died at 8 o'clock on the morning of Christmas Day. In the witness's opinion, death was caused by shock and hemorrhage, due to a fracture of the base of the skull.

Inspector Guinan asked the witness whether Stafford was visibly under the influence of drink.

Dr. Murphy—He appeared to have some drink taken.

Mr. Cullen—Was his condition such that he would have been capable of driving a motor cycle with safety to himself and others?—I think he was.

Robert Sanson, gatekeeper, Phœnix Park, said that on Christmas Eve he observed a motor bicycle, occupied by three persons, travelling in the direction of the city at a fast pace. Castleknock gate was closed at the time, and the bicycle was coming so quickly that the witness scarcely had time to open the gate. The driver had to swerve down a by-road, and in going out missed the pillars of the gate just by inches.

Thomas Hanlon said that he accompanied Stafford, and sat on the pillion of the bicycle, Brown being in the side-car. The cycle was fully lighted and was travelling at about twelve miles an hour. The witness observed a motor cycle coming towards them, on the wrong side of the road, at the rate of forty or fifty miles an hour. He told Stafford to pull up. Then he heard a crash, and he and his companions were thrown on to the road.

The witness added that he and his friends left Dublin that evening about 5 o'clock, and went to Summerhill, in the County Meath.

Answering Inspector Guinnan, he said—"When we were going to Meath we visited a publichouse in Blanchardstown, and had a bottle of stout. Further on we had another bottle of stout. We had only two bottles of stout during the evening."

Michael Brown corroborated.

MR. STAFFORD'S ACCOUNT.

Stafford, having been cautioned, said that he was in charge of a motor cycle which passed through Phœnix Park on the main road, at the rate of 12 or 13 miles an hour, according to the speedometer. He noticed a light coming in the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road, and one of his companions shouted to him to slow up and blow the horn.

"I blew the horn," said the witness, "and remembered nothing further till I woke up and discovered that I was lying on the road. I was senseless for about two hours after the collision."

To Mr. Cullen—I have been riding a bicycle for five years, and have only had one previous accident.

The Coroner—Did you hear Hanlon say that you had two bottles of stout? Yes; perhaps he meant that we had one each.

To Mr. Cullen—We were not refused any drink at Callan's publichouse. I could take two bottles of stout in an hour and a half and would not be drunk.

Hanlon recalled, said that he adhered to his former statement that he had two bottles of stout on the way to Meath, but his friend did not take two.

The Coroner—What did he have while you were drinking the two bottles?

The Witness—Nothing.

This concluded the evidence, and Mr. Cullen said that it would appear that the accident was due entirely to the "inexperience or unwisdom of Stafford and his friends, who were out for a joy ride." He gave a detailed account of Mr. Bolger's movements during the whole day on Christmas Eve. From this statement, it appeared that he was at his place of business in the morning, took two ladies to a dance in the afternoon, and had tea with them at the Metropole Restaurant. He next went to confession at the University Church, St. Stephen's Green, and after getting out his motor-cycle, went to Harcourt street Station and despatched some official papers by train to Leopardstown House.

On his way home he called at the house of friends on the North Circular road, but declined their invitation to supper, stating that he particularly wished to get home before midnight, as he and the family intended to go to Holy Communion on the next morning—Christmas Day. Mr. Cullen added that Mr. Bolger had possessed a motor cycle for about six years, and was an expert rider with a clear record.

Bringing in a verdict of "Accidental Death," the jury added a rider expressing sympathy with the relations of the deceased. Subsequently Stafford was taken into custody, and was escorted to the Bridewell.

END OF ALBANIAN REVOLT.

SMALL CASUALTY LIST.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BRINDISI, Sunday.

Achmed Bey Zogu is again undisputed master of Albania. Monsignor Fannoli, with his Ministry, Army Commander and General Staff, fled in panic from Valona, while Achmed Zogu's troops were still four days' march away. They arrived at Brindisi yesterday morning, and received permission to land.

Monsignor Fannoli declares that he is finished with politics. He ascribes his defeat to the presence of Serbians with Achmed Zogu's forces. Last week, he says, they numbered four. On Wednesday last that figure had grown to four hundred; to-day there are at least four thousand, according to Bishop Fannoli's supporters. No foreigner saw even four Serbians, however.

The remnants of Fannoli's army, about four thousand soldiers, have left Valona. All the shops are closed in the city, as the business houses fear that looting may take place, until Achmed Zogu's gendarmes arrive to restore order.

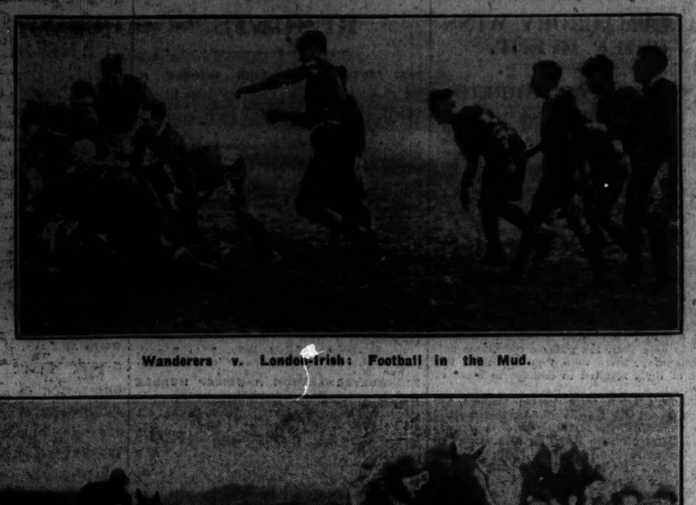
The refugees who have arrived at Brindisi number about five hundred.

Monsignor Fannoli informs me that he intends to return to America.

The total casualties in this revolution on both sides are between thirty and forty. This brings the grand total of five revolts to about seventy casualties.

SPORT, STORM AND FLOOD IN DUBLIN.

The London-Irish Team at Lansdowne road.



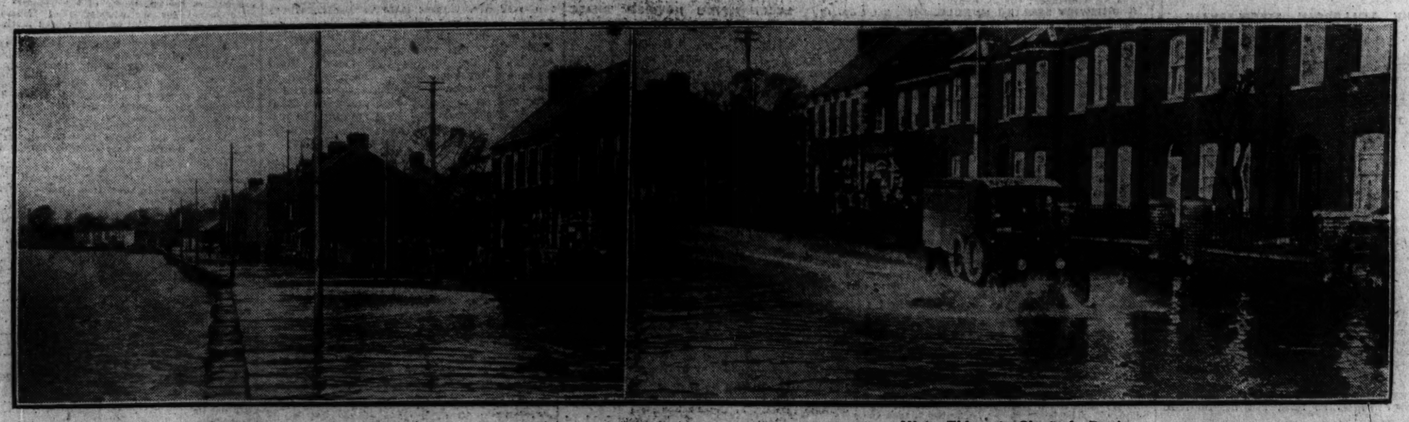
Wanderers v. London-Irish: Football in the Mud.

Taking the First Jump in the Leopardstown Steeplechase.

Finish of Principal Race at Leopardstown: Ballymacrory winning from Westown.

The Storm: Hoarding Blown Down in Henry street, Dublin.

Ballymacrory (J. Moylan up).



Flooded Streets at Clontarf.

High Tide at Clontarf Road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

NATIONAL HOUSE-CLEANING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Permit me to congratulate you on your editorial of December 22nd, "National House-cleaning." Hardly ever was a practical and badly-needed movement launched at a more opportune time. More power to your elbow! As a visitor to your land, so richly endowed by nature, and one who has met a number of my fellow-countrymen on their return from trips to Ireland, I say that it is hard to estimate the damage already done by your last year's visitors, who came away, many of them, with a sad determination never to go again. Impressions are everything, and no one goes twice into a dirty and disordered shop to buy anything. It is the same with the tourist and pleasure-seeker: a satisfied visitor is a life-long advertisement, a dissatisfied one is a life-long "knocker." Americans have friendly feelings towards Ireland, so do not, for Heaven's sake, get any more tourists over till you have had a "clean up."

In many of our Western towns, after the snow goes, the authorities and public men organise a "clean up week," when everyone goes to work and does what he can to make the outside of his place and the town generally look its best for the spring and summer. If Ireland had a well-organised "clean up week" proclaimed by the Governor-General, and all hands, men, women and children, turned to and did their bit, what a change would come over the land—cottages white-washed, woodwork painted, roofs fixed, fences mended, ditches cleaned, gardens dug, flowers, shrubs and trees planted! You would not know yourselves in a few weeks' and would feel as if everyone had had a new change of clothes.

All public bodies would, of course, join in and do their particular "clean up" work, which would probably last much longer than a week. Every good citizen would heartily join in; the Press and public men would put their shoulders to the wheel, and for the first time since the trouble the visitor would know that Irishmen had some pride in Ireland and that she was off to a fair start for a contented and prosperous career. These remarks cover North as well as South, as great improvements are needed in both before tourists can be invited with safety in any numbers to visit your naturally lovely country without doing you permanent damage by going away dissatisfied. Why should you not start 1925 right, and turn the organisation of destruction into practical up-building and improvement for the common good and benefit of all? Every community will have enough public-spirited men to lead off and organise and plan a real national campaign of this kind.

A prosperous New Year to Ireland, but remember that Ireland's friends will be much more inclined to help Ireland when they really see Irishmen trying to help themselves.

—Yours, etc.,

"AMERICAN."

London, December 26th, 1924.

THE TREATMENT OF LIVE STOCK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—A good deal of discussion has recently taken place concerning the deterioration and bad condition of our live-stock arriving at British landing ports. What strikes one most is the apathy among those who are vitally engaged in this, one of Ireland's greatest industries, running into, roughly, £30,000,000 annually. I am engaged in the export trade for close on thirty years, and I have always contended that the gang-ways (otherwise known as stages) for shipping of live-stock at the Port of Dublin are far too narrow, being only about 2½ feet wide. It requires only the attendance of a couple of veterinary surgeons to cross over to the boat occasionally from the shipping yard, and see for themselves the walloping the animals receive when trying to pass through this narrow stage. The incentive, of course, is to ship as quickly as possible. Consequently the gangway, which only allows one beast to pass at a time, frequently becomes congested, with the result that the animals come in for far too much of the stick. Pigs, likewise, get their share of the hammering, oftentimes too cruel to watch.

There is, of course, the argument that, should the gangway or stage be widened, the animals will turn and impede one another. To this I reply that wider gangways, which permit of four cattle walking abreast, are used at Waterford and Cork, and, so far as I know, no trouble is experienced. Furthermore, I should like it explained why Waterford has now become the second largest port in Ireland for the export of live-stock in point of numbers. I understand that large consignments of live-stock from the Counties of Cork, Kerry and Tipperary are now being shipped by the Southern port which hitherto were dispatched via Dublin. Thousands of pounds are lost annually to Dublin port by the diversion of their traffic for the want of some improvement in our transit facilities. I have heard it said occasionally that the cattle arriving off boats other than the Dublin route are received at the other side in better condition and less bruised. Freights, through bookings, etc., are identical at various important stations in the West of Ireland, to consign stock, either by the Southern routes or by Dublin. Consequently, a good number find their way to the Southern ports.

I would suggest that a wider gangway—say, about five feet or more—would be well worth a trial. I believe that the bulk of the damage by stick-marks, etc., occurs at the dispatching gangways in Dublin.—Yours, etc.,

"A SHIPPER."

Dublin, December 27th, 1924.

A TAX ON CHRISTMAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—You say that "it is almost certain that, if the duty and tax are maintained, the Free State Government will have some trouble to knock a cheerful and gracious festivity on the head." Do not worry; it is themselves that these gentlemen are "knocking on the head." Christmas and its traditions and customs will be going strong when these "statesmen" are dead and, shocking to relate, forgotten. The "Walsh sixpence" has lost the present Government thousands of votes, and the pettifogging and outrageous tax levied on many of the Christmas parcels, containing a few pence worth of sweets or cakes, has lost them many thousands more.

Of course, every man knows his own business best, but it seems a funny way to play the game—to go out of your way to irritate, and, in many cases, infuriate, the electors. I would, in all humility, suggest to the present Free State Government that they take a squint at the case of Rehoboam and read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. BRADISH.

Stranfield, Wexford,
December 27th, 1924.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—There used to be a policy in Canada which exempted from Customs charges parcels declared as Christmas gifts. The period included some days before Christmas till the new year. Might not some such scheme be adopted in the Free State? If the present policy is continued, the ultimate result will be the weakening of friendship's bonds and the serious curtailment of the exchange of friendly tokens between residents in the Free State area and all other parts of the world. I have been penalised to the extent of three shillings on a pair of moccasins listed at 75 cents.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES COLHOUN.

The Manse, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth,
December 27th, 1924.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I, too, have suffered from the demand for two shillings and sixpence, *plus* sixpence, for a box of chocolates, but with this difference from your other correspondents—at least two of the layers of chocolates had disappeared and only a half-layer was left. Think of it—three shillings duty for a half-layer of a box measuring some seven inches by four inches. The charge worked out at fourpence per chocolate! The packet was, of course, refused and was presented for a Christmas box to the postman.—Yours, etc.,

"FELLOW HAPPINESS."

Dublin, December 27th, 1924.

AIR AND WATER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—When ships of largest tonnage are being built in dozens to be propelled by air power, and farmers and others in England and Germany are getting aero-dynamos for lighting and power purposes of every description, does it not behove the Government of this far-reaching State to proceed with caution in considering any Shannon scheme involving the resources of the country in a monstrous sum of possibly £30,000,000 sterling? New patents and new combinations are issuing, flutter in Germany wash and fashioned firms are rushing to secure their contracts to forestall new rivalry.

The cost of employment for three thousand men for three years or eight thousand for several years, pounds, shillings and pence why, should the Government succeed, turn them to work that would bring returns almost as soon as started in draining three or four millions of acres of lands now flooded or water-logged? That would win some tens of thousands for those now on the dole, as well as doubling the produce of as many more holdings now running to rushes where none grew before, or developing sheep rot that would soon run away with more cash than drainage would cost. Why should the Government not use the dole fund for such work and help men to earn an honest living instead of wasting doles in encouraging idleness? A couple of years' drainage work would soon bring as much money as would pay for the Shannon scheme, if found desirable by that time, while it may be rendered needless or useless by new methods.—Yours, etc.,

"CAUTION."

Dublin, December 27th, 1924.

RURAL LIBRARIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 23rd inst. there is an account of the meeting of the King's County Technical Instruction Committee about the setting up of a library under the Carnegie Trust. The clergy are quite right, as guardians of the public morals, to wish to guard the young from the immoral and worthless books in circulation; but there are lists of well-written, wholesome books, such as "Every Man's Library," "The hundred best books" and others. Would it not be wiser to have these or similar lists to start with, and the Committee could go through them and put a mark against any considered undesirable? Parents are just as anxious as the clergy to keep their children from bad influences, and, realising that they cannot prevent them from reading, see that, while still under their control, the best books are read; and, once the taste is formed for what is good, the young people will not care for what is bad. This is the only plan.

The gift of Mr. Carnegie ought to be one of the greatest blessings ever bestowed on this country, if properly used. I should like, moreover, to see a good selection of standard books in every house in the country. There is less reading in Ireland than in almost any country in Western Europe, and many of our troubles are due to that fact. The lists to which I allude can be had from any good bookseller.—Yours, etc.,

"READER."

Co. Dublin, December 27th, 1924.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS.

MONDAY.

9 and 10 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin (James Hill and Son).

THURSDAY.

9 and 10 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin (James Hill and Son).

SATURDAY.

9 and 10 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin (James Hill and Son).

The lights that make brighter nights: Royal "Ediswan" Gasfilled Vacuum or "Fullolite" lamps. Your dealer has them. Get yours now. —(Advt.)

ARRESTED IN A BATHROOM.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT IN A HOTEL.

A convict, William Whitworth Miller, who escaped from Parkhurst Prison on Saturday morning, was recaptured under dramatic circumstances on Sunday morning. He was found to be staying at a well-known hostelry on the sea front at Cowes.

It transpires that at about 12.30 on Saturday night a stranger, dressed in ordinary clothes, rang the hotel bell, and was admitted by the "boots." He asked for a bed for the night and was shown to his room. Yesterday morning he ordered breakfast in bed, consisting of eggs, bacon and toast, which he said he usually had.

The manager's suspicion was aroused by the fact that he had not signed the visitors' book, and that his description corresponded with that of the missing convict. The police were notified by telephone and two officers arrived at the hotel, and, with the manager, awaited the convict as he left the bathroom. He appeared to be dumbfounded when he saw them, but at once admitted that he was the missing man. He was afterwards conveyed to the police station and handed over to the prison officials.

In the bedroom was found a Gladstone bag, containing a large number of articles of clothing, six watches, an officer's tunic, two safety razors, a case of tea knives, hair brushes, a flash lamp, a lady's wrist watch, and various other articles, which had been stolen from a house about a mile away from the hotel occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler.

It appears that they were out spending the evening with friends, and on returning at 1 a.m. found that the house had been ransacked. An entry had been forced by breaking a kitchen window. Miller had obtained a complete change of clothing, and left his soaking wet convict suit in the bedroom.

Later information shows that Miller intended originally to break out of Parkhurst Prison at night. A close examination of his cell on Saturday revealed that he had commenced to loosen the bricks of the cell wall in order to make a hole large enough for him to escape. He had apparently being doing this with a builder's chisel, which he had been using during his usual working hours and which he had surreptitiously taken into his cell.

AN ESCAPE FROM WAKEFIELD PRISON.

On Friday night a man aged 32, a native of Halifax, escaped from Wakefield Prison, where he was undergoing a term of imprisonment for shop-breaking. He was sentenced at the Assizes at Leeds a few weeks ago. He made his escape by climbing the high wall which surrounded the prison, and he got a good start in the darkness before the officials were aware that he was missing.

When he escaped he was wearing his prison suit of grey cloth, and it was thought that he would make his way to the Halifax and Bradford districts.

NORTHERN LAND BILL.

CRITICISM BY FARMERS.

Some Northern farmers are not satisfied with the terms offered in the Land Bill which is to be introduced in the Imperial Parliament.

At a public meeting of the unbought tenants of Armoy and district, Mr. Andrew Macauley, who presided, said they were not getting a fair deal under the bill, and they would let their members of Parliament know that it must be amended so as to give them terms at least equal to those offered to the unbought tenants in the Free State. The Free State farmers got a reduction of 7s. in the £, as compared with a reduction of about 3s. 7½d. offered to a County Antrim second term tenant.

FREE STATE ADVANTAGES.

Mr. William Tweed, Islandmagee, said the bill at present before the Imperial House of Commons was one they should resist by every means in their power. Was it because they were situated in the cold North they should be asked to pay 18 per cent. more in annuities than the same class had to pay in the Free State? The soil and climate in the South was better, and he failed to see why Lord Percy and his Committee had drafted a bill entirely in favour of the landlord.

They were willing to go a considerable distance in order to arrive at a settlement, but it was impossible for them to accept this bill, which was being flung in the face of 20,000 unbought tenants with a take-it-or-leave-it air.

Farming, the speaker continued, was the greatest industry in the six counties—it employed 212,000 people as against 206,000 in all other industries, and yet, in the present period of depression, following the disastrous season, the Northern Government could not pass a short Act reducing rent pending land purchase.

FARMERS NEGLECTED.

The farmers had been too long neglected, but they would not take the bill lying down. They were entitled to fair terms, and the bill must be amended. By increasing the capital price of unbought land in Ulster the bill was taking half a million from the pockets of the tenants and putting it into the landlords' pockets.

The meeting was also addressed by Messrs. R. N. Boyd and George Hamilton, and on the motion of Mr. J. McCollum, seconded by Mr. W. Henry, a series of resolutions were passed condemning the terms of purchase as recommended by the Percy Committee, and claiming the same terms as were being granted to tenants in the Free State.

The resolution called upon representatives in the Imperial Parliament to use their influence to have the bill amended and passed into law at the earliest date so that unbought tenants in Ulster may not feel penalised by being resident there.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The Rev. William Baillie, Rector of St. Matthias's Church, Dublin, who has been appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Francis C. Hayes, will be installed at Evensong (three o'clock) to-morrow afternoon.

CHURCH OF IRELAND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Board of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Church of Ireland) met on Thursday, 18th inst. The Chairman, Mr. J. A. Maconchy, presided. The other members present were the Bishop of Clogher, the Dean of Christ Church, Canon Lockett Ford, Canon Harvey Stewart, Canon Kernan, the Earl of Belmore, Major E. H. C. Wellesley, and Mr. W. A. Ferrar. One case was investigated, the clergyman, whose income was declared liable to deduction, was registered as a contributor. The application of a member to subscribe for full double benefits was granted. Permission to retain benefits under Section 21 was granted in two cases without further payment of contributions. The death on the 14th inst. of a member of the Fund was noted. A grant of £15 was made out of funds provided by the General Synod, 1924, to the widow of a clergyman who died on 24th August. A sum of £6 5s. was granted to the daughter of a clergyman who had been a subscriber to the Connor Clergy Widows' Fund during his life, his widow having died on 17th July. Payments were ordered—Church of Ireland Fund, £1,898 1s. 5d.; Diocesan Funds, £406 6s. 4d. Date of next meeting 22nd January, 1925.

The Rev. Thomas B. Morrin, rector of Castlederg, County Tyrone, is to resign shortly. Mr. Morrin was ordained in 1882 as curate of Gartan, County Donegal. He was curate of Muff, County Londonderry, from 1886 to 1897, since when he has been rector of Castlederg. He was appointed Rural Dean of Castlederg in 1921.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The prevalence of gambling is exercising the mind of the Presbyterian Church in several countries. The United Free Church of Scotland has issued a pastoral letter on the subject, and has ordered it to be read from all pulpits. In Belfast and other cities it is engaging the attention of societies interested in the state of religion and morals.

Gilcomston Parish Church, Aberdeen, has elected the Rev. John M. M'Quitty, B.A., minister of Westbourne Church, Belfast. This is one of the largest congregations in Scotland. Mr. M'Quitty began his ministry as assistant in North United Free Church, Aberdeen, and was also minister for several years in Glasgow.

The Governors of the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, have appointed, as successor to the late Headmaster (Mr. R. M. Jones, LL.D.) Mr. Geoffrey Garrod, the Headmaster of Sevenoaks School, Kent.

The Rev. W. P. Young, B.A., minister of Galway, has been chosen by the united congregation of Clones and Ballyhobridge to succeed the late Rev. Samuel Currie, B.A. Mr. Young has had a successful ministry in Galway, where the College, as well as the city, will regret his removal.

The Rev. Andrew Fullerton, minister of Drumquin, has been called to be minister of the united congregation of Upper and Lower Clonaneese, in succession to the Rev. Thomas Bole.

Death has been busy among the ruling elders of the Church. Mr. John Scott, an elder of Ballycastle for over 50 years, and a teacher in the Sabbath School till five years ago, had attained the patriarchal age of 96. Mr. W. J. Megaw was a leading business man in Ballymoney, and had reached the age of 88. For over half a century he was superintendent of the Sabbath School, and for over forty years a ruling elder of First Ballymoney Church.

Rosemary street Church, the oldest Presbyterian Church in Belfast, at its recent annual collection for the Foreign Missions of the General Assembly gave £1,122. The church is renewing its youth under the ministry of the Very Rev. Dr. William Park and his colleague and successor, Rev. Douglas M. Joss, M.A.

The Rev. E. A. Elliott Burrowes, M.A., who originally was a member of Adelaide Road Church, Dublin, a Scholar and Senior Moderator of Trinity College, Dublin, and a student for the ministry of the Dublin Presbytery, will be installed in Knock, Belfast, on 15th of January, as colleague and successor to Rev. James Hunter, M.A.

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RACING IN A GALE

JOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

AN IMPROVING BLOODSTOCK.

From Our Travelling Correspondent.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

Since he resigned his post as private trainer to Mr. S. B. Joel and left Moulton Paddocks, E. G. De Mestre has been confined in a dark room in a London nursing home undergoing treatment for a troublesome complaint known as iritis, an inflammation of the iris of the eye, which, if at all neglected, is apt to produce total blindness. His treatment has been so successful that he was allowed to leave the home on Friday. De Mestre is at the moment homeless, for he has not yet found a suitable place in which to resume work in the capacity of a public trainer. It was understood some time ago that he had secured the yard at Wantage where Mrs. Rudd's horses were trained, but this is not strictly accurate. De Mestre has the promise of plenty of horses to train, and a man of such capacity in his business will never have much difficulty in finding material to work on.

He is specially fortunate in that he will have the services of that brilliant young jockey, W. McLachlan, junior, to ride for the stable. The boy is apprenticed to him, and the indentures were, of course, not transferred to Walter Earl, who has succeeded him at Moulton Paddocks. It looks, therefore, as if Mr. Joel will have no jockey next season unless McLachlan, senior, who has gone to Australia for the winter, resumes his arrangement. It is more likely, however, that he will go to De Mestre.

I understand that the well-known ex-jockey, J. H. Martin, familiarly known as "Skeets," is starting as a public trainer very shortly. He is at present at St. Moritz along with George Archibald, but expects to be back in England soon, and is negotiating for the lease of stabling at Rottingdean, near Brighton. Martin has secured several patrons, one of whom, I understand, is Mr. Joseph Benson, the wealthy Liverpool shipowner, who is much interested in London theatre finance, and has had horses for some years. Martin was a fine jockey at his best, and it will be remembered that he won the Derby for the late Mr. John Gubbins on that great horse, Ard Patrick.

The worst races he rode were generally on horses whose connections had backed them to win a big stake, and he is the first to admit that the fact that there was so much money at stake always made him nervous and unable to do full justice to his mount. He was associated with Mr. Gilpin's stable for several years, and even after he gave up riding in public he continued his connection with Clarehaven. A long illness and a terrible operation finally caused him to give up riding altogether. Martin was one of the earliest of the present generation of American jockeys to come to this country, and he outlasted all of them, excepting, of course, Archibald, who, although he has been here only a few years, has earned for himself a permanent and secure position on the English turf.

Martin is likely to do well as a trainer, for he is an exceptionally good judge of racing, and there are few men who can get on a two-year-old in a trial and sum up the strength of it so accurately.

DRUID'S LODGE STABLE.

I understand that Mr. A. P. Cunliffe, who has been training his own horses for the last couple of seasons, is talking about giving up racing and selling his famous establishment, Druid's Lodge. One is inclined to doubt, however, whether he will ever really tear himself away from the game, in which he has for upwards of twenty years played so prominent a part. There has seldom on the turf been a more successful combination than that of Mr. Cunliffe, Mr. Purefoy and Captain Forester in affiliation with Mr. Peard, and there was a time when the sight of a fancied horse from Druid's Lodge had the effect of a nightmare on the average bookmaker. Indeed, it came to such a pitch that success rather nullified itself, for the stable was offered absurdly short prices about their horses that were no real criterion of their actual chance.

The Druid's Lodge gallops were used by the troops during the war, and Mr. Cunliffe had to spend a great deal of money on them when he took possession again after the armistice. In the last few years he has been training on only a small scale, as compared with the days when Hackler's Pride and Christmas Daisy were in the stable and Fallon was in charge.

THE REARING OF BLOODSTOCK.

It seems as if Mr. Gilpin, whose weekly articles on racing in a London Sunday newspaper have for some time added a piquancy to the breakfast table, is discontinuing his contributions, for the journal in question announces this morning that F. B. Rees will every week in future give his views on matters connected with steeplechasing in its columns. Mr. Gilpin, by reason of his position as a public trainer, had, of course, to be generally guarded in his remarks, but his opinions, coming from a man of such great ability and experience, were always eagerly read. To-day he has been specially interesting in discussing the "greatest horses in Turf history." I believe he says that we have horses from time to time that would certainly hold their own with many that competed in the 'eighties, and, taken all round, I am certainly disposed to believe that the general run of our horses is steadily improving. The rearing of our bloodstock, to begin with, is done on more common-sense and scientific plans than it used to be, while I think there are certainly a score of trainers to-day who are able to do the best possible by any horses that come into their hands for every one of the trainers who could do so years ago.

When he finished first on Arduous for the Gamecock Steeplechase at Kempton Park yesterday F. B. Rees brought his total of winning rides for the year up to 106—the figure reached by Elliott in achieving his title of champion jockey under the Rules of Racing at the end of last season. This is a wonderful record, which has never been reached by any other steeplechase jockey, and it is a shade of odds on Rees actually beating the figures of Elliott, for there are three days of racing still to go before the year ends, and one will be greatly surprised if he does not poach at least one other winner.

F. B. REES'S FINE JOCKEYSHIP.

In riding his 106th winner yesterday he gave a perfect example of patient and skilled jockeyship. There were only four runners, and one of them, Le Cellier, slipped up on the flat after jumping the first fence. Then Southend and North Waltham pounded at each other, while Rees waited his opportunity on Arduous. North Waltham refused the second last fence, and then Rees got going. He drove his horse at the last fence as if it were not there, and Arduous, jumping himself in front of Southend, ran Mr. Filmer-Sankey's horse, who has the better speed of the pair, clean out of it on the flat.

Like everyone else who went to Kempton yesterday, I would not dare to express my real feelings about the fixture. It poured in torrents and it blew a gale. Very few people ventured out, and the members' enclosure seemed to contain only two men and a drowned rat. The going was appalling and runners were very scarce. Indeed, the imagination can hardly conceive a more depressing afternoon.

Like Le Cellier in the Gamecock Steeplechase, Connolly's Folly was the victim of the treacherous going, and slipped up on the flat in the race for the Amateurs' Steeplechase. He was remounted by Mr. Deterding, but had lost so much ground that his owner pulled him up a mile from home. Old Navana then went on to win in a canter from St. Endas. The old mare, who used to win minor races for the late Mr. C. F. Kenyon, was bought at the sale of his horses for 400 guineas. It seemed a lot to give for her, but she is a very easy mare to ride and suits Mr. Frankland, who rode her here for his mother, Lady Zouche, a new patron of Alec Law's stable at Findon.

MUSTELINE'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.

I have mentioned here before the forward running over hurdles of Musteline, a good-looking son of Marten, who was trained in the Heath stable when he was running in Ireland, and remarked that he seemed to have only one pace. He was well suited by the conditions yesterday, and, ploughing through the mud with the greatest ease, he won the Twickenham Hurdle by twenty lengths from Celebrate, with The Big Three, who could not act in the going at all, last but one. It would be in no way surprising to find Musteline develop into a steeplechaser of note in the course of time, for he looked the part all over. May B., a mare who used to be owned by Mr. F. S. Myerscough, won the Three-Year-Old Selling Hurdle Race for Poole's stable in a common canter, and Indian Gypsy by winning a farcical race for the Moderate Handicap Steeplechase brought to a conclusion a day that one will always wish to forget.

There is a poor-class meeting to-morrow at Cheltenham, where I expect SINSAMA to win the Evesham Three-Year-Old Hurdle. HACKDENE may take the Beckhampton Novices' Steeplechase and ROUSHAM the Cheltenham Amateur Riders' Steeplechase.

GALTEE MORE.

LEOPARDSTOWN.

BALLYMACRORY WINS CHIEF EVENT.

ANOTHER FOR BARRETSTOWN.

The concluding day of the meeting was almost completely spoiled by the wretched weather that prevailed, and in the circumstances it was not surprising to find the attendance compare unfavourably in point of numbers with that of Friday. The rainstorm of the previous night had left the course in a very sodden condition, and in places the horses had to gallop through a miniature lake. As might only be expected, in view of the state of the ground, runners were not nearly so numerous as on the opening day, and as is so often the case with the going so bad the calculations of backers were often upset. Indeed, only one first favourite got home, and that a 4 to 1 on chance, but it was satisfactory to note that, the adverse conditions notwithstanding, there were very few falls, and none of them resulted in damage to horse or rider.

Although there were twelve runners the Three Years Old Hurdle Plate resolved itself into a match in the last quarter of a mile, at which point all save Abdulla, who started a hot favourite, and Coypou were in dire difficulties. Half way up the straight the first-named was in the lead, but in a grand finish he succumbed by a head to the outsider. Both these new beginners acquitted themselves right well over the "sticks," and ran out their race in very game fashion.

None the worse for his exertions the previous day, Barretstown, who is obviously partial to the mud, quickly supplemented the laurels he gained over the minor obstacles on Friday with a ready victory in the Stillorgan Steeplechase. After seeming to be hopelessly out of the race at the end of a mile he made up ground after passing the railway gate so rapidly that before the last fence was reached he had overtaken Charabanc, and scored in a common canter. The winner, in striking contrast to the majority of the others, appeared to fairly revel in the deep going, and he reads a decided bargain at the 30 sovs. his present owner gave for him in the summer.

Amongst the runners for the principal event—the Leopardstown Steeplechase—was the Sefton winner, Ballinode, on which her trainer, F. Morgan, took the mount, and though she was shouldering 12st. 7lb. and her task was a formidable one she was well backed. So, too, were Barry Ogue and Westown, the former leaving off a slightly better favourite. It was a nice race to watch, the field keeping close order, with Westown and Barry Ogue in the lead, but the latter, when going as well as anything else, came down at the fourth last fence, and with the weight telling, its inevitable tale on Ballinode a little further on, the issue was reduced to Westown and Ballymacrory, a fine race resulting in favour of the latter. Westown is a very nice young horse, who promises to mould into a 'chaser of more than average merit.

Those plucky punters who laid long odds on Pride of Delvin accounting for her two opponents in the Bray Steeplechase, never had any cause for anxiety, and for the wind-up the little fancied Newtown Park made short work of the well-backed Kirkloisk and seven others in the Corinthian Plate. Details:—

1.15—THE THREE YEARS' OLD OPTIONAL SELLING HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs., and the third 5 sovs. 1½ m.

Mr. M'Cann's b. f. COYPOU, by William Rufus—Coy Maid, 10-12 ..... W. Horan 1
Mr. R. J. Duggan's ABDULLA, 10-12 ..... J. Hogan jun. 2
Mr. Barbour's NEWSBOY, 10-4 ..... P. Quinn 3
Mr. J. J. M'Auley's Saorstat, 11-0 ..... K. Lenehan 0
Mr. H. I. Usher's Golden Book, 11-0 ..... P. Powell 0
Mr. P. Thorpe's Lisles, 10-12 ..... Jos. Doyle 0
Mr. T. Singleton's Sunny Rambler, 10-4 ..... Brady 0
Mr. T. J. Taaffe's Catriona, 10-9 ..... J. McCarthy 0
Mr. M'Laughlin's Commandant Dan, 10-7 ..... D. Ward 0
Mr. J. J. Parkinson's Master Blanchette, 9-11 ..... C. Mallon 0
Mr. G. Revelle's Heltican, 9-11 ..... P. Higgins 0
Mr. Myerscough's Brave Colleen, 9-11 ..... J. Meaney 0
(Winner trained by M. Dawson.)

Betting—Evens Abdulla, 5 to 1 agst. Commandant Dan, 6 to 1 Brave Colleen, 10 to 1 COYPOU or any other.

Brave Colleen set the pace to Heltican, Master Blanchette, Coypou, and Abdulla, with Catriona and Saorstat at the head of the others. This was the order for half the journey, when Abdulla drew into second place, and shortly afterwards took up the running. After jumping the last hurdle Coypou began to close with Abdulla, and overhauling him close home won by a head; fifteen lengths divided second and third. Commandant Dan was fourth, Catriona fifth, Lisles sixth, and Brave Colleen next. Time—3 mins. 32 secs.

1.45—THE STILLORGAN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 175 yards.

Mr. Kirwan's br. g. BARRETSTOWN, by Cipango—Niagara, a, 11-13 ..... Jos. Delany 1
Mr. M. Quinn's CHARABANC, a, 12-4 ..... D. Ward 2
Mr. Singleton's THIRTY-BOB, 6, 11-6 ..... P. Higgins 3
Mr. P. J. Brophy's Too Richy, 4, 11-7 ..... C. Mallon 0
Mrs. Bartholomew's Malahide, a, 11-11 ..... P. Powell 0
Mr. H. Bailie's Westview, 6, 11-6 ..... P. Grace 0
Mrs. M. Traynor's School Girl, 5, 11-8 ..... J. Moloney 0
Mr. M. Dawson's Brave Knight, 4, 11-0 ..... W. Horan 0
(Winner trained by J. Kirwan.)

Betting—Evens Charabanc, 5 to 1 agst. Thirty-Bob, 6 to 1 each BARRETSTOWN, Brave Knight and Too Richy, 20 to 1 any other.

Brave Knight showed the way to Charabanc, Malahide, Too Richy, Westview, and Thirty Bob, with Barretstown and School Girl in the rear, and so they ran for a mile, when Charabanc assumed command, followed by School Girl, Westview, Thirty Bob, Brave Knight, Too Richy, and Barretstown. In the last half-mile Barretstown made up ground rapidly, and heading Charabanc before the last fence drew away to win easily by a length and a half; twenty-five lengths divided second and third. School Girl was fourth, Westview fifth, and Too Richy next. Time—5 mins. 16 secs.

2.15 — THE LEOPARDSTOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs., of which the second receives 20 sovs., and the third 10 sovs. 2½ m.

Mr. Ross's b. g. BALLYMACRORY, by Wavelet's Pride, dam by Perth Medley, a, 11-0 ..... J. Moylan 1
Mr. Peter Murray's WESTOWN, 5, 10-9 ..... J. McCarthy 2
Mr. Bentley's BALLYNODE, a, 12-7 ..... G. Morgan 3
Mr. O'Driscoll's Barry Ogue, a, 11-7 ..... W. Horan 0
Mrs. Croft's Golden Street, a, 11-0 ..... J. Hogan, jun. 0
Mr. Hume's Grecian Wave, 6, 9-11 ..... T. Kelly 0
Mr. J. Murray's Rare Sort, a, 9-11 ..... M. Doherty 0
(Winner trained by R. Moss.)

Betting — 5 to 2 agst. Barry Ogue, 3 to 1 Westown, 4 to 1 Ballinode, 6 to 1 each BALLYMACRORY and Golden Street, 8 to 1 Grecian Wave, 20 to 1 Rare Sort.

Westown made the running from Barry Ogue, Grecian Wave, Ballymacrory, and Golden Street, with Ballinode and Rare Sort in the rear. They continued in the same order until half-a-mile from home, when Barry Ogue fell, and at the second last fence Westown was followed by Grecian Wave, Ballymacrory, Ballinode, Golden Street, and Rare Sort. Coming to the last fence Ballymacrory took second place, and heading Westown on the flat Mr. Ross's horse came on to win by four lengths; ten lengths divided second and third. Grecian Wave was fourth and Rare Sort next. Golden Street did not jump the last fence. Time—5 mins. 58 secs.

2.45—THE BRAY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 3 m. 100 yds.

Mr. O'Roarke's b. m. PRIDE OF DELVIN, by Dibs—Pride of Mabestown, a, 10-9 ..... J. Moylan 1
Mr. O'Gorman's MASK-ON, a, 12-7 ..... P. O'Hara 2
Mrs. L. Garahan's DOON ROSSA, a, 10-5 ..... J. Lynn 3
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—4 to 1 on PRIDE OF DELVIN, 100 to 14 agst. any other.

Doon Rossa led from Pride of Delvin and Mask On for two miles, when Pride of Delvin drew away and won in a canter by fifty lengths; three-quarters of a length divided second and third. Time—7 mins. 59 1-5 secs.

3.15—THE CORINTHIAN PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A flat race. Weight for age, etc. 2 m. 75 yds.

Mr. W. A. Wallis's ch. g. NEWTOWN PARK, by Mcloonan—Ardcarrig, a, 11-7 ..... Mr. J. Whelan 1
Mr. M. Quinn's KIRKLOISK, 6, 12-3 ..... Mr. M. Quinn 2
Mr. T. Singleton's CLONLARA, 4, 12-5 ..... Owner 3
Mr. E. Foster's Friarstown Chieftain, a, 12-3 ..... Mr. P. Lenehan 0
Mr. W. B. Hayes' Lady Boreen, 5, 12-0 ..... Hon. H. C. Alexander 0
Capt. W. Murland's Goodwill, 5, 12-0 ..... Mr. W. J. Hilliard 0
Mr. L. S. Ward's Golden Promise, 6, 12-0 ..... Owner 0
Mr. F. Barbour's Blancona, 4, 11-11 ..... Mr. C. Brabazon 0
Mr. F. Clarke's Cherub, 4, 11-4 ..... Owner 0
(Winner trained by F. Morgan.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. Kirkloisk, 4 to 1 each Golden Promise and Clonlara, 10 to 1 NEWTOWN PARK or any other.

Golden Promise slipped up and fell after half-a-mile, and Lady Boreen carried on the running from Cherub, Newtown Park, Kirkloisk, and Clonlara. Cherub and Lady Boreen lost their places half-a-mile from home, at which stage Newtown Park drew out with a clear lead of Kirkloisk; and Clonlara making the remainder of the running won in a canter by eight lengths; ten lengths divided second and third. Blancona was fourth, Friarstown Chieftain fifth, and Lady Boreen next.

DUNSTALL PARK (WOLVERHAMPTON) RESULTS.

12.50—STOCKWELD SELLING HURDLE of £100. 2 m.

Mr. Chamberlain's b. h. RIGHLINA, by Righ Mor—Dolina, 5, 11-10 ..... F. Saunders 1
Miss Hunt's RED BEAVER, 3, 10-0 ..... D. Reardon 2
Mr. T. Christy's JAEDEN, 5, 12-1 ..... A. Lefebve 3
Also ran—Repaid (J. Goswell), Ferida (T. Moreau), Lone Wolf (T. Chisman), Early Bun (E. M'Morran), Aran Bridge (Speck). Off 12.50. (Winner trained by Chamberlain.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst. Ferdia, 5 to 2 Jaeden, 4 to 1 Red Beaver, 6 to 1 Repaid, 10 to 1 RIGHLINA or any other.

Won by six lengths; ten lengths.

1.20—OPEN THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £150. 1½ m.

Mr. A. B. Walker's CORLACH, 10-10 ..... J. Goswell 1
Mr. H. Stokes' MIDNIGHT FOLLY, 10-10 ..... A. Smyth 2
Sir J. Wills' CLAROBIE, 10-10 ..... Mr. Bisgood 3
Also ran—Dusky Brave (J. Whelehan), Golden Fizz (W. Speck), Ormline (E. Parker), Naptha (G. Goswell), Extra Bold (G. Calder), Marcel Wave (F. Sargent), Picadore (J. Connolly), Swordsman (G. Green). Off 1.20. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—Evens Midnight Folly, 7 to 2 agst. CORLACH, 5 to 1 Swordsman, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; three lengths.

1.50—WOLVERHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE of £250. 2 m.

Mrs. H. M'Kenna's br. h. EMPHATIC, by Declare—Crash, 5, 11-6 ..... D. M'Kenna 1
Mr. E. Humphreys' PETER PAX, 4, 10-10 ..... A. Smyth 2
Maj. H. A. Wernher's HERNE THE HUNTER, 5, 11-2 ..... C. Calder 3
Also ran—Major Ray (J. Goswell), Quilp (Johnson), Rock Arrow (F. Sargent), Clarkia (A. Snedden), Corney Grain (J. Mason), False Report (Mr. P. Dennis). Off 1.50. (Winner trained by M'Kenna.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Peter Pax, 7 to 2 Rock Arrow, 9 to 2 Major Ray, 5 to 1 each EMPHATIC and Corney Grain, 7 to 1 each False Report and Clarkia, 10 to 1 Herne the Hunter, 100 to 8 Quilp.

Won by eight lengths; a head.

2.20—STANTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, £100. 2 m.

Mr. Chamberlain's br. g. UBEOFF, by Criffel—Salina, 11, 10-2 ..... S. Jotes 1
Mr. K. Mackay's ICON, 10, 11-2 ..... J. M'Neill 2
Mrs. Sanday's HERMOCLES, 5, 10-12 ..... F. Mason 3
Also ran—Aiken Drum (J. Whelehan), The Antelope II. (W. Parbin), Young Hazel (R. Phillip), Off 2.20. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Hermocles, 4 to 1 Young Hazel, 7 to 1 UBEOFF, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; a bad third.

2.50—OTLEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, £250. 3 m.

Capt. Stanyforth's ch. g. CONDOR, by Carancho—Look On, 7, 10-1 ..... F. Gurney 1
Mr. Harrison's GERALD JUNIOR, 5, 10-12 ..... J. Goswell 2
Mr. H. D-Dennis's ROUSHAM, 9, 11-2 ..... D. Behan 3
Also ran—Bank Holiday II. (G. Goswell), My Royal (W. Burke), Catamaran (W. Stott), Thrown In (C. Donnelly), Santox (Speck), Rathmore (F. Mason), Kirkwhelpington (R. Burford). Off 2.50.

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Bank Holiday II., 3 to 1 Catamaran, 6 to 1 each CONDOR and Rousham, 7 to 1 Thrown In, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by ten lengths; two lengths.

3.15—DUNSTALL PARK STEEPLECHASE, £150. 2 m.

Mr. W. Rimell's b. or br. f. JEANSGEE, by Young Pegasus—Corriegarth, 4, 10-0 ..... F. Mason 1
Sir E. Wills's APPLE PIE, 5, 10-8 ..... Mr. Bisgood 2
Maj. A. Huntington's GENERAL ADVANCE, 4, 10-7 ..... W. Stott 3
Also ran—Middlethorpe (R. Burford), Educated Evans (G. Goswell), My Hobby (F. Sargeant), Don Quichotte II. (G. Green), White Splash (W. Gurney). Off 3.16. (Winner trained by Rimell.)

Betting—11 to 8 on General Advance, 4 to 1 agst. Middlethorpe, 5 to 1 My Hobby, 10 to 1 JEANSGEE or any other.

Won by three lengths; a length and a half.

KEMPTON PARK RESULTS.

1. 0 — MORTLAKE THREE-YEAR-OLD (S.) HURDLE, £200. 1½ m.

Mr. W. H. M'Alpine's b. f. MAY B., by By George—Queen of the Hawthorns, 11-2 ..... F. Rees 1
Mr. G. Duller's OVER, 11-4 ..... A. Smith 2
Baroness Zouche's SLOVIAC, 11-0 ..... Mr. Pulford 3
Also ran:—Lestonia (J. L'Estrange), Friable (J. Anthony), Derby Brights (F. Hanson), Lambros (A. Smith), Blossom (W. Smyth), Foggia (K. Piggott), Lynxeyed (Fitton). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting—11 to 8 on MAY B., 4 to 1 agst. Slovaic, 5 to 1 Foggia, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by twelve lengths; six lengths.

The winner was bought in for 300 guineas.

1.30—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, £200. 3 m.

Baroness Zouche's b. m. NAVANA, by Master Magpie, dam by Tredennis, 10, 10-9 ..... Mr. T. Frankland 1
Miss O. Black's ST. ENDAS, 11, 11-1 ..... Blacker 2
Mr. S. Thurston's SHADY NIGHT, 7, 10-10 ..... Owner 3
Also ran:—Connolly's Folly (Owner). Off 1.31. (Winner trained by A. Law.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. Connolly's Folly, 5 to 2 St. Endas, 3 to 1 NAVANA, 8 to 1 Shady Night.

Won by a distance; twenty lengths.

2. 0—CHISWICK SELLING HURDLE, £250. 2m.

Sir H. Bird's b. g. SHANGHAI, by Kwang Su—Queen Teo, 3, 5-9 ..... H. Gordon 1
Mr. T. A. Edge's ALIETTE, 3, 10-5 ..... G. Duller 2
Mr. R. Davison's THE JESTER, 6, 12-0 ..... K. Piggott 3
Also ran:—Piccolisko (A. Smith), Chartered (E. Boyle), Blue Fire (J. Anthony), Victor Noir (T. Griffiths), Broken Vow (W. Balding), Bachelor's Heather (Pellerin), Dervish (Beech), Betchen (Owner), Castlereagh (A. Nash), Humpty Dumpty (R. Wheeler), Bachelor's Model (Dick), Venetian Rose (P. Allden), Black Forest (Proudman), Star Donovan (Mr. Frame, jun.), Philter (A. Robson), Erskine (W. Smyth), Suncircle (L'Estrange), Thorndale (H. Veal), Harewick (D. Cameron), Off 2.0. (Winner trained by Hammond.)

Betting—11 to 10 on Chartered, 7 to 2 agst. Aliette, 100 to 8 each Piccolisko, Victor Noir and The Jester, 100 to 7 Blue Fire, 20 to 1 SHANGHAI or any other.

Won by a length and a half; six lengths.

The winner was sold to Captain Sassoon for 42 guineas.

2.30—GAMECOCK HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 450 sovs. Second 35 sovs., third 15 sovs. 3 m.

Major C. Norrie's b. g. ARDUOUS, by Ardoon—Noble Grace, 7, 11-5 ..... F. Rees 1
Mr. W. Sankey's SOUTHEND, 7, 12-2 ..... J. Anthony 2
Mr. Savill's North Waltham, 7, 12-4 ..... Trudgill 0
Mr. Blenkiron's Le Cellier, 5, 11-5 ..... L. Rees 0
Off 2.30. (Winner trained by G. Bennett.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Southend, 2 to 1 Le Cellier, 5 to 2 ARDUOUS, 100 to 8 North Waltham.

Le Cellier fell on the flat after going about a furlong, and North Waltham settled down from Southend. The latter on the back stretch took the lead clear of North Waltham, who refused two fences from home, and Arduous, outpacing Southend on the flat, won by four lengths.

3.0—TWICKENHAM HURDLE RACE of £250. 2 m.

Mr Delaforce's b. c. MUSTELINE, by Marten—Lady Sue, 3, 10-5 ..... G. Duller 1
Mr. G. Barclay's CELEBRATE, 4, 11-9 ..... W. Smyth 2
Mrs. Boswell's LAUZUN, 6, 12-0 ..... G. Turner 3
Also ran:—The Big Three (E. Doyle), Golden Brick (A. Piper), Bookham Star (Mr. C. Edwards). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by Nightingall.)

Betting—13 to 8 on MUSTELINE, 6 to 1 agst. Celebrate and The Big Three, 7 to 1 Golden Brick, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by twenty lengths; four lengths.

3.30—MODERATE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £200. 2½ m.

Mr. Deterding's b. m. INDIAN GYPSY, by Juggernaut—Azucena, 5, 10-11 ..... Owner 1
Major R. Grubb's ANZAC III., a, 10-1 ..... Trudgill 2
Also ran:—Fitzpicton (H. Hunt), Redshank (R. Greenhill). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by R. Payne.)

Betting—11 to 10 agst. Fitzpicton, 3 to 1 INDIAN GYPSY, 7 to 2 Redshank, 6 to 1 Anzac III.

Won by fifteen lengths. Only two finished.

BETTING FORECAST.

CHELTENHAM.

1.0 Race.—2 to 1 agst. Greenogue, 3 to 1 Heathencote, 9 to 2 Cupid's Dart, 5 to 1 Southern Gleam, 7 to 1 each Wood Ant and Toyboat, 8 to 1 each Martes and Strolling Knight, 10 to 1 any other.

1.30 Race.—5 to 2 agst. Poobah, 7 to 2 Munster's Pride, 9 to 2 Cashlie, 5 to 1 Chicot, 7 to 1 Brandy Snap, 8 to 1 Oh! Help, 10 to 1 each Jack Role and Blacking, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race.—7 to 4 agst. Knockcroghery II., 3 to 1 Start Again, 9 to 2 Sherston, 5 to 1 Rockmeadow, 6 to 1 Lady Alvey, 8 to 1 each Corfe Castle and Dark Dragoon, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race.—9 to 4 agst. Hackdene, 3 to 1 Murky Past, 4 to 1 Bruff Battle, 5 to 1 Santabel, 7 to 1 Sancroft, 8 to 1 each Tyrolean and Apple Pie, 10 to 1 any other.

3.0 Race.—2 to 1 agst. Rathluck, 3 to 1 Front Line, 9 to 2 Chiltington, 5 to 1 Agincourt, 7 to 1 Roman Candle, 8 to 1 each Magic Rod and Animated, 10 to 1 Rackway, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race.—6 to 4 agst. Hilton, 3 to 1 Herbert's Choice, 4 to 1 Midnight Folly, 7 to 1 each Flint Stone and Ormada, 8 to 1 Glen Galante, 10 to 1 Flaith Mor, 100 to 8 any other.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NATIONAL HUNT MEETING, CHELTENHAM.
Cotswold Steeplechase—Jack Horner.
Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle—Despote.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Kempton Park engagements, December 26th and 27th—Herod, Antipas, Silver Somme, The Bleeks, Tullylost.

Didcot Handicap Hurdle, Newbury—Firing Line.

All published Handicaps—White Surrey, Tom Crow.

All engagements—The Baronet (dead), Fairy Grizzel, Grim Rhoda.

Epsom Oaks Stakes, Falmouth Stakes, Newmarket; Yorkshire Oaks, York and Parkhill Stakes, Doncaster, 1925—Dalkeith filly (2 years).

Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park, 1925—Vitality.

Royal Standard Stakes, Manchester, 1925—Joyeuse, and Sooth.

Duchess of York Plate, Hurst Park—Milfoil.

CHELTENHAM

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Capital entries have been obtained for the one-day fixture at Cheltenham to-day, when some interesting racing should be seen. Most of the horses will reach the course this morning. With a run, the following may prove successful:—

Charlton Steeplechase—R. Payne's selected.
Malvern Hurdle—Munster's Pride.
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase—Lady Alvey.
Leckhampton Steeplechase—Santabel.
Amateur Hurdle—Front Line.
Evesham Hurdle—Ormada.

1.0—CHARLTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m.

Age. st. lb.
CUPID'S DART (Capt. T. McDougal) McDougal 10 11 9
MARTES (Mr. C. M. Methven) ... Powell 13 11 6
NOTHING ON (Mr. J. G. Bletsoe) Bletsoe 9 10 6
TALLY-HO (Mr. A. J. Jackman) Hebir 11 10 3
WOOD ANT (Mr. M. Cummins) Newey 8 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
SQUARE DANCE (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) ..... F. Brown 12 12 11
GREENOGUE (Maj. D. Campbell) Westmorland 10 12 0
DUNDONALD (Mr. L. Oppenheim) Barthropp 6 11 7
SOUTHERN GLEAM (Sir George Abercromby) ..... Jackson 8 11 6
FLUSHED (Lieut.-Col. E. C. M. Phillips) R. Payne 8 11 0
HEATHENCOTE (Mr. W. Parrish) R. Payne 11 10 13
TOYBOAT (Maj. R. Fenwick-Palmer) Palmer 10 10 11
SILENT SANDS (Mr. S. McMorran) McMorran 10 10 10
STROLLING KNIGHT (Mr. R. Brown) Bullock 13 10 10
RAGMAN (Maj. F. R. Samson) Woodland 9 10 10
FLINTLOCK (Capt. H. E. de Trafford) W. Payne 14 10 5
SORREL HILL (Mr. Smith-Ryland) Hall 9 10 4
CONELLY (Mr. R. J. B. Gubbins) Hall 9 10 3
CLONMEL (Mr. F. E. Groves) Mosley 7 10 1
THE ANTELOPE II. (Maj. D. M. Methven) ..... Powell a 10 0
BUGLER (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 10 10 0
YOUNG HAZEL (Capt. H. E. de Trafford) ..... W. Payne 13 10 0

1.30—MALVERN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Age. st. lb.
QUILP (Mr. Lofthouse) ..... Roberts 7 12 5
POOBAH (Capt. A. Wheeler) ..... Kirk 5 12 2
BLACKING (Mr. M. B. Savill) ... Savill 7 11 7
OH HELP (Mr. W. T. Warner) ... Newey 4 11 4
BY PROXY (Mr. A. James) ..... Drury 6 11 3
MADURO (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) Newey 7 11 0
ULIDIA (Mr. W. E. Jones) ..... Private 8 10 9
BARBARUS (Mr. F. C. Burroughs) Burroughs 4 10 7
GRAMOPHONE (Mr. E. W. Merrell) Merrell 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
TRANSFORM (Miss H. Rodocanachi) Powell 8 12 7
BUENASUERTE (Mr. G. W. Hands) Newey 6 12 5
MANISTER BRIDGE (Mr. F. Parkin) Woodman a 12 3
CHICOT (Mr. F. Lambert) ..... Rimell 4 12 3
BOYNE WATER (Mr. G. R. Lawrence) Lawrence 8 12 1
SON O' MELTON (Mrs. M. H. Douglas) Douglas 13 11 13
REGICLES (Mr. G. Parry) ..... Bullock 9 11 12
JACK ROLE (Mrs. E. C. Gilbert) Gilbert 9 11 12
MUNSTER'S PRIDE (Mr. L. Oppenheim) Barthropp 4 11 11
GLOWANNA (Sir George Abercromby) Jackson 7 11 11
WARWICK (Mr J. Brown) ... W. Payne 10 11 10
CASHLIE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 7 11 10
BRANDY SNAP (Mr. W. Parrish) MacColl 6 11 5
CHARLEY'S UNCLE (Capt. H. E. de Trafford) ..... W. Payne 8 11 2
ORLANDO DANDO (Mr. S. Baker) Yates 6 11 1
THE STAR (Mr. Ransom) ..... Private 6 11 0
LITTLE MILFORD (Mr. D. H. Thomas) D. Harrison 8 10 8
GREEN LABEL (Mr. E. H. Bartholomew) Kelly 7 10 6
CARLIUS (Capt. R. M. Thompson) Thompson 4 10 4

2.0—CHELTENHAM AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE of 200 sovs. About 2 m. 100 yds.

Age st. lb.
START AGAIN (Mr. S. Bennet) S. Bennet 6 12 0
LADY ALVEY (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 6 11 11
(The above have arrived.)
WILD TIMES (Mrs. Crichton) H. Brown 7 12 12
SHERSTON (Sir Ernest Tate) ..... Sanday 9 12 9
KNOCKCROGHERY II. (Mr. H. Brown) H. A. Brown 10 12 6
BUGGY (Mr. R. Bromley) ..... E. Doyle 6 12 2
ROCKMEADOW (Mr. Stewart) S. Bennet 6 12 1
PENCOED (Lt.-Col. F. Lort Phillips) Phillips 9 12 0
DINAH MORRIS (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 8 12 0
ROUSHAM (Mr. H. D. Dennis) Harrison 9 11 11
CORFE CASTLE (Mrs. McCowen) Lindsay a 11 10
FURY (Mr. C. H. S. Dixon) ..... Private 5 11 5
DARK DRAGON (Mr. J. Bletsoe) Bletsoe 9 11 3
MASTER PATKIN (Lt.-Col. F. Spencer) Spencer 8 10 13
KING MAKER (Major Stedall) .. Private a 10 12
ORMSKIRK (Mr. T. Frankland) A. Law 8 10 10
LEASINGHAM ROSS (Mr. F. E. S. Groves) ..... Mosley 4 10 10
LLYN EIGIAU (Mr. Hoboken) ..... Knel 4 10 10

2.30—LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' 'CHASE of 200 sovs. About 2 m. 100 yds.

Age st. lb.
RATHCOOLE (Mrs. C. Beatty) G. Poole a 11 7
SIMON'S CRAFT (Mr. W. Drury) Drury 8 11 7
CAPTIVATE (Mr. S. McGregor) .. Powell 4 10 10
WHITE SPLASH (Mr. Parnell) R. Payne 4 10 10
HACKDENE (Mr. E. Stanley) .. Hastings 4 10 10
(The above have arrived.)
SANTABEL (Mr. H. Liddell) .. Woodland 5 11 11
TOKAY (Mr. J. H. Betts) ..... Private 6 11 7
JIM LANGFORD (Mr. Clegg) F. Brown 6 11 7
THE JOKER VIII. (Mrs. M. H. Douglas) Douglas 7 11 7
MACOR (Mr. L. Groves) ..... Private 6 11 7
MIDDLETHORPE (Mrs. Bower Ismay) Hastings 6 11 7
RELAY (Lt.-Col. M. Lindsay) .. Lindsay 6 11 7
RATHLUCK (Ld. Londesborough) Private 6 11 7
IRISH PRINCE (Lt.-Col. F. Lort Phillips) D. Harrison 6 11 7
ST. CARADOC (Lt.-Col. F. Lort Phillips) Phillips 5 11 7
PAUL (Mr. W. T. Sears) .. Westmorland a 11 7
HILAIRE (Mr. W. H. Tribe) ..... Private 7 11 7
DINAH MORRIS (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 6 11 7
FIRE WATER (Sir George Abercromby) Jackson 5 11 4
TYROLEAN (Mr. S. C. Adams) ... Bletsoe 5 11 4
BRUFF BATTLE (Mrs. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 5 11 4
EDUCATED EVANS (Mr. F. A. Brown) F. A. Brown 5 11 4
MURKY PAST (Mr. E. Osborn) F. Lyall 5 11 4
MOUNTAIN LAND (Mr. C. A. Ringwood) Lerwill 5 11 4
BLANK CARTRIDGE (Capt. E. J. Speed) Jackson 5 11 4
SANCROFT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. A. Brown 5 11 4
APPLE PIE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 5 11 4
JEANSGEE (Mr. W. J. Rimell) Rimell 4 11 3
GOVERNOR (Lord Coventry) Withington 4 10 10
LLYN EIGIAU (Mr. Hoboken) ..... Knel 4 10 10

3.0—AMATEUR RIDERS' H'CAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Age st. lb.
SPINEL (Mr. C. S. Clarke) ..... Hastings 4 10 13
WINDCOTE (Mr. G. Reed) ... R. Payne 4 10 10
(The above have arrived.)
SANCROFT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. A. Brown 5 13 1
CHILTINGTON (Capt. R. M. Thompson) Thompson 8 12 12
HALBERDIER (Mr. W. Whitehead) R. Payne 8 12 7
LAMONT (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) H. A. Brown 5 12 3
FRONT LINE (Mr. O. F. Mosley) Mosley 8 12 3
FALSE REPORT (Mr. J. Holmes) D. Harrison 8 12 2
DESPOTE (Mr. H. Sidgebottom) ..... Kirk 5 12 0
ANIMATED (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 4 12 0
BRIDGEWATER ARMS (Major C. Pemberton Stedall) ..... Private 6 11 12
GOLDENDALE (Capt. C. R. Leake) E. Doyle 6 11 12
TIBET (Mr. Hoboken) ..... Knel 4 11 12
AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) F. A. Brown 4 11 12
ROUSHAM (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) D. Harrison 9 11 10
RACKWAY (Lord Coventry) ... Withington 6 11 8
PATSY (Mr. W. H. Whitbread) S. Bennet 5 11 8
WATERFORD GLASS II. (Mr. H. Cope) Shedden 9 11 8
RATHLUCK (Lord Londesborough) Private 6 11 1
INGOLDSBY (Mr. E. J. Gore) ... Bullock 4 11 1
BRUFF BATTLE (Mrs. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 5 11 0
ROMAN CANDLE (Mr. V. T. Thompson) F. Hartigan 5 11 0
ROMEO'S RUNNER (Mr. J. G. Bletsoe) Bletsoe 4 11 0
NONENTITY (Mr. C. M. Methven) Powell 7 10 13
MELTONIC (Mrs. Harry Lewis) Private 5 10 13
TWENTY-FIRST (Mr. H. Luscombe) Private 4 10 12
LEASINGHAM ROSS (Mr. F. E. S. Groves) ..... Mosley 4 10 12
KING'S PLEASURE (Lieut.-Col. M. Lindsay) ..... Lindsay 9 10 11
CONCILIATION II. (Mr. R. F. Habberfield) ..... J. Scott 6 10 10
MAGIC ROD (Mr. H. J. Delmege) Luby 8 10 10

3.30—EVESHAM 3-Y.O. HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 1½ m.

st. lb.
ORMADA (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) ... Powell 11 8
MIDNIGHT FOLLY (Mr. H. Stokes) Smyth 11 8
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) ..... F. A. Brown 11 3
FLAITH MOR (Mr. H. J. Bruston) McDougal 10 10
SEEKER (Mr. T. M. Lofthouse) ... Roberts 10 10
JOHN WYSE (Mr. E. T. O'Sullivan) O'Sullivan 10 10
PREFACE (Mr. J. Holmes) ... D. Harrison 10 5
(The above have arrived.)
HILTON (Major Power) ..... Hatt 11 8
L.L. (Mrs. N. Roberts) ..... Roberts 11 3
GLEN GALANTE (Lt.-Col. Wingfield) Pope 10 12
GULISTAN (Capt. Harrison-Broadley) Broadley 10 10
INDISCRETION (Mr. W. A. Higgs) Higgs 10 10
POLIN (Mr. Sol Joel) ..... Westmorland 10 10
FLINT STONE (Mr. Eric Platt) F. Hartigan 10 10
HAT ROCK (Mr. F. Sharp) ..... Saxby 10 10
TRAGACANTH (Ld. Howard de Walden) A. Waugh 10 10
HIS LORDSHIP (Mr. F. N. Ault) ... Newey 10 5
EXCLAMATION (Mr. H. G. Clegg) F. A. Brown 10 5
FAIR LASS (Sir Keith Fraser) ..... Private 10 5
SINSAMA (Mr. W. J. Gresson) ..... Rimell 10 5
LEASINGHAM EARL (Mr. O. F. Mosley) Mosley 10 5
THE BAKER (Mr. L. Oppenheim) Barthropp 10 5
STARTLED (Mr. G. Reed) ..... R. Payne 10 5
ANCHORITE (Mr. G. D. Smith) Withington 10 5
NAPLES (Mr. T. Walls) ..... Walls 10 5
ROCKING HORSE (Sir Ernest Wills) We Winton 10 5
CAROBIE (Sir Ernest Wills) ... De Winton 10 5
SLOVAIC (Baroness Zouche) ..... A. Law 10 5

SEDGEFIELD.

SATURDAY'S RETURN.

1.0—BISHOP MIDDLEHAM (S.) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.
LITTLE ENGLAND (5 to 4 on) ..... J. McKay 1
EROTIC (5 to 4) ..... F. Croney 2
Two ran.

1.30—FISHBURN (S.) HURDLE.
BOLD BUCK (4 to 1) ..... J. Mahony 1
HIS EXCELLENCY (5 to 4 on) ..... W. Madden 2
VESUVIUS (7 to 4) ..... Mr. J. C. Storie 3
Three ran.

2.0—WINDLESTONE OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE.
WHITE MOUNTAIN (5 to 1) ..... W. Hammett 1
MALABAR (9 to 2) ..... Mr. Elliott 2
WISE PRINCE (10 to 1) ..... Mr. Blake 3
Nine ran.

2.30—FOXCATCHERS' OPEN HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.
CRAWLEY MARIGOLD (3 to 1) ..... Mr. J. H. Megginson 1
FELIX II. (5 to 1) ..... H. Watkins 2
BADMINTON II. (5 to 4) ... Maj. J. P. Wilson 3
Four ran.

3.0—SHERATON HANDICAP HURDLE.
'OLD 'ARD (5 to 1) ..... J. F. Elliott 1
DUNSMOOR (evens) ..... W. Hammett 2
BABY'S BOTTLE (5 to 1) ..... W. Newton 3
Five ran.

3.25—SANDS HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.
TRUMP CARD (5 to 2) ..... W. Hammett 1
SCOTCH EAGLE (8 to 1) ..... J. Paxton 2
EAGLE'S TAIL (5 to 2) ..... J. Mahony 3
Five ran.

"FORM" HORSES.

CHELTENHAM.

1. 0—Heathencote.
1.30—Munster's Pride.
2. 0—Knockcroghery II.
2.30—Hackdene.
3. 0—Front Line.
3.30—Hilton.

DOUBLE.—Heathencote (nap) and Hilton.

A Student of Form.

THIS WEEK'S RACING FIXTURES.

IRELAND.

Thursday—Baldoyle.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

Monday—Cheltenham.
Tuesday and Wednesday—Newbury.
Thursday and Friday—Manchester.
Thursday and Friday—Bogside (Irvine).
Saturday—Plumpton.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Sinsama. Double—Chicot and Sinsama.

Daily News :—Double — Hackdene and Hilton.

Daily Express :—Safety bet—Cupid's Dart (to win). Double—Cupid's Dart and Ormada.

Daily Mirror :—Double — Santabel and Ormada.

Daily Graphic :—Double — Sancroft and Front Line.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

J. Moylan was in good form in the saddle on Saturday at Leopardstown, where he piloted the winners of both the steeplechases.

F. B. Rees's win on Arduous at Kempton Park on Saturday marked his 106th success this year, and he thus reached the figures accomplished by Elliott during the last flat-racing season. It is a great record for a steeplechase rider.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Kilsallaghan	1.30
Wednesday, 31st	Flathouse	1.30
January.		
Saturday, 3rd	Donaghmore X Roads	1.30

THE KILDARE.

December.		
Tuesday, 30th	13-Mile Stone	11. 0
January.		
Thursday, 1st	Dollardstown Gate	11. 0
Saturday, 3rd	Enfield	11. 0

THE MEATH.

December.		
To-day	Dunderry Park	11. 0
Tuesday, 30th	Kilbride	11. 0
January.		
Friday, 2nd	Kilmoon	11. 0
Saturday, 3rd	Brittas	11. 0

FINGAL HARRIERS.

On Friday, 26th inst., a big field met hounds at Rathbeale. The meeting-place was rather congested with a holiday crowd in motors and traps, as well as a large contingent on bicycles and on foot. Sport, however, was not interfered with in any way. A move was first made to the reservoir to draw for a fox, but this was blank. Mr. Corbally's demesne quickly provided a hare of the right stamp, and with scent of the very best, hounds circled the lands of Rathbeale before running over Mooretown, and making a point for the town of Swords, we swung to the right and ran over Mr. Cuffe's farm to Brazil, where we lost. Without delay a fresh hare was on foot and although horses wanted a breather badly they had only a respite of a few minutes before hounds were running hard again by Rathbeale Hall. Then turning to the left we crossed the Naul road into the Leas and on to Mount Ambrose, where scent failed. As hounds had been running for just two hours with one slight check, and everybody had enough, this finished a good day.

WARD UNION HOUNDS.—Owing to the flooded state of the country these hounds will not meet at Kilsallaghan to-day.

CARLOW HOUNDS.—Tuesday, December 30—Borris House. Saturday, January 3—Kellistown Cottage. Tuesday, January 6—Royal Oak. Saturday, January 10—Fenagh House. At 11 o'clock.

WATERFORD HOUNDS.—Change of Meets—Tuesday, 30th December—Kilmacthomas. Saturday, 3rd January—Whitfield.

GOLF.

GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND.

The international matches—singles and foursomes—between Ireland, Wales and the Midlands Golf Association will be played at Hollinwell, Nottingham, as follow:—Friday, July, 3rd, Ireland v. Midlands; July 4th, Ireland v. Wales; July 6th, Wales v. Midlands.

BRAY.—Christmas competition, 9-hole bogey sweepstakes; 63 cards taken out:—C. S. Wallis, 1 up; A. Egan and T. G. Wallis tied with all square for second.

GREYSTONES.—Ladies' medal:—Miss D. Oulton and Miss B. Oulton tied; Miss D. Oulton qualified. Seven entries.

DUN LAOGHAIRE.—Foursomes:—T. Staples and H. C. Owens, 86, 10, 76; R. W. Ward and M. J. Whelan, 85, 7½, 77½. Fourball v. bogey:—J. L. Crabbe and D. Alexander, 4 up; R. A. Wright and J. J. Triston, 1 up; A. R. Mallet and F. J. Ritchie, 1 up. Next Saturday, 3rd January, medal v. bogey.

CASTLE.—St. Stephen's Day. Fourball—G. B. Malcolm, Alexander Malcolm, all square; P. H. Lane and T. J. Rea, E. N. Campbell and W. N. Robertson, 2 down. Mixed foursomes—W. H. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson (10½), 46¾; V. D. McMenamin and Miss Considine (7½), 47¼.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—St. Stephen's Day. Stroke competition—Captain C. F. Battye (6), 73; W. Charleton (11), 81; S. D. Lambert (13), 81; H. Garratt (14), 84; E. T. H. Richardson (6), 85; W. Y. Crichton (6), 85; E. McGrath (12), 85; A. Jackson (6), 86; J. A. Barr (8), 86; Sir G. Clark (10), 86; J. M. Mitchell (5), 88; W. B. Haughton (2), 91.

LAWN TENNIS.

RIVIERA TOURNAMENT.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL.)

CANNES, Friday.

The following were the results of to-day's play in the International Lawn Tennis Tournament on the courts of the Hotel Metropole:—

Men's Singles, Semi-finals—J. H. Van Alen beat Brame Hillyard—8-6, 6-3; Colonel Mayes beat Tilton—6-0, 6-2.

Ladies' Singles, Semi-finals—Mrs. Satterthwaite, w.o.

Men's Doubles, Semi-finals—Colonel Mayes and F. M. B. Fisher beat L. C. Terry and R. Dunkerley—6-1, 7-5; A. F. Yencken and D. Stralem beat W. M. Sherring and Ward—6-3, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-finals—Miss Ryan and A. F. Yencken beat Mrs. Grogan and W. M. Sherring—6-2, 6-2; Mrs. Satterthwaite and P. Gaslini beat Lady Wavertree and F. M. B. Fisher—6-2, 6-3.

Saturday.

The following are the results of the Finals played to-day:—

Men's Doubles—Colonel Mayes and Hon. F. M. B. Fisher beat A. F. Yencken and D. Stralem—6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. Satterthwaite and Mrs. Ryan beat Mrs. West-Cott and Mrs. Danisthorpe—6-1, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles.—Miss Ryan and A. F. Yencken beat Mrs. Satterthwaite and P. Gaslini—6-4, 7-5.

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ASSOCIATION.

PIONEERS OUTPLAYED.

When Pioneers, the back-markers in the Free State League Table, held Bohemians to a scoreless draw in the opening round of the competition they created one of the biggest surprises of the competition; consequently, their followers fully expected to see them again extend the Dalymount team in the return game on Saturday at Phibsborough. They were disappointed, however, as the home side, though without their two regular full-backs, McCarthy and Kerr, and Roberts, inside right, were altogether too good, and completely outplayed them to the extent of six clear goals.

In all departments Bohemians were much superior, and, though the heavy rains had rendered the pitch very soft and holding, they gave a fine exhibition of foot-work. Their short passing on the wet sod was a feature, and here both half-backs and forwards were seen at their best; while the defence of the former and McIlroy and Kelly at full-back was always effective.

It was at half-back that Pioneers' side were most at fault, the efforts of the middle line being feeble when opposed to the perfect combination of Bohemians' attack. Occasionally they got their forwards away, and the latter showed good form; but, though the wings invariably sent the ball across well, the inside players failed, mainly through the slippery state of the ground. On the right wing Cummins did a couple of smart things, and had he got any support the side must have scored at least a couple of goals. However, it was, when all is said, a one-sided game, and the score in no way exaggerates the superiority of the winners; indeed, were it not for the smartness of Murray in Pioneers' goal the total must have been much larger against his side.

Bohemians attacked from the kick-off, and for some minutes the Pioneers' goal was subjected to a bombardment, Murray saving good shots from Murray, Willits, and Brooks. From a goal-kick Pioneers worked back on the right, Cummins putting in a fine run and crossing well to Tucker, who failed with a sharp, low drive to beat Cannon, the latter having some luck in clearing. From this to the interval Pioneers were kept defending. Willits opened the scoring after 35 minutes' play, and before the ends were changed Brooks headed through the second goal.

The play in the second period was one-sided. Brooks scored the third goal early, and this was quickly followed by one from Willits. Pioneers made a good effort to reduce the lead, but failed, and Bohemians returning to the attack Brooks and Rodgers added goals without response. Result:—

Bohemians	6
Pioneers	0

THE RESULTS.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Bohemians	6	Pioneers	0
Athlone	2	St. James' Gate	2

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.

Dublin United	4	Shelbourne B	2
G.N.R. (Dundalk)	3	Richmond	1
University College	3	Civil Service	2

FREE STATE CUP.

Bohemians (Cork)	7	Cahir Park (Tipperary)	1

IRISH SENIOR LEAGUE.

Glentoran	4	Belfast Celtic	0
Cliftonville	0	Portadown	0
Glenavon	2	Distillery	1
Queen's Island	3	Linfield	2
Ards	4	Barn	0
Larne	3	Newry	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

Arsenal	2	Notts Forest	1
Blackburn Rovers	2	Sheffield United	2
Bolton Wanderers	3	Tottenham Hotspurs	0
Everton	2	Birmingham	1
Huddersfield Town	0	Newcastle United	0
West Brom. Albion	2	Notts County	0
Preston North End	3	West Ham United	2
Sunderland	2	Leeds United	1

Cardiff City v. Burnley, Manchester City v. Bury, Aston Villa v. Liverpool, postponed owing to unfit grounds.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Barnsley	1	Middlesbrough	0
Clapton Orient	1	Blackpool	0
Chelsea	3	Coventry City	0
Fulham	1	Bradford City	1
Hull City	1	Derby County	1
Leicester City	3	Manchester United	0
Oldham Athletic	1	Southampton	1
Portsmouth	1	South Shields	0
Crystal Palace	1	Wednesday	0
Stoke	3	Stockport County	0
Wolves	1	Port Vale	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (N.).

Barrow	4	Doncaster Rovers	1
Bradford	5	New Brighton	2
Chesterfield	1	Ashington	1
Darlington	0	Grimsby Town	0
Lincoln City	3	Durham City	0
*Nelson	1	Southport	1
Rochdale	3	Hartlepools United	1
Rotherham County	1	Accrington Stanley	1
Tranmere Rovers	2	Crewe Alexandra	2
Walsall	3	Wigan Borough	1
Wrexham	0	Halifax Town	0

*Abandoned after 35 minutes' play owing to unfit ground.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (S.).

Brighton	4	Brentford	1
Aberdare Athletic	1	Bristol City	0
Charlton Athletic	0	Southend United	0
Gillingham	4	Luton Town	1
Northampton Town	1	Watford	0
Queen's P. Rangers	4	Newport County	3
Reading	1	Exeter City	1
Swansea Town	3	Swindon Town	0
Plymouth	5	Norwich City	0

Bournemouth United v. Millwall and Merthyr v. Bristol Rovers postponed owing to unfit grounds.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrieonians	2	Cowdenbeath	0
Third Lanark	2	Falkirk	1
Hamilton	1	Ayr United	0
Hearts	5	St. Mirren	2
Kilmarnock	1	Partick Thistle	1
Morton	1	Dundee	1
Queen's Park	1	Hibernians	0
Raith Rovers	2	Celtic	2
Glasgow Rangers	1	Motherwell	0
St. Johnstone	1	Aberdeen	1

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HOCKEY.

WATERLOGGED GROUNDS.

SOUTH ANTRIM (4) v. PEMBROKE WANDERERS (2).

South Antrim concluded their Dublin tour on Saturday with a match against Pembroke Wanderers at Serpentine avenue. The ground was in a sodden condition, and it was only after some deliberation that the match was played. The play was never fast, and South Antrim were winners of a scrambling affair by four goals to two.

The visitors got down from the whistle, but Moorhead spoiled a good chance by shooting high. Several times, in fact, the South Antrim forwards were unable to score owing to the state of the ground. Wanderers' backs put in some good work, and sent their forwards away, and Allen, in goal for Antrim, was called upon and saved well from M'Cormick. Nash broke away and took the ball right down the field, but McNeil rushed out to meet him and cleared. Play ran evenly for some time, and Nash opened the scoring from a scramble in front of goal. Antrim came back, and McNeil saved from Moorhead, but C. Corken got possession and sent in a centre to Nash, who netted the second goal. From the bully-off Wanderers took the offensive, and Allen saved from W. Buttermer, O'Connor, and M'Cormick, in quick succession. Play returned to mid-field, and half-time found Antrim leading by two clear goals.

Wanderers got away on resuming, but found the defence too good, and play returned to mid-field. The home team then attacked, and a good movement by their forwards ended in Hall scoring with a low drive. Play was even for a lengthy period, both goals being visited in turn, and at length Hutcheson, receiving from Moorhead, added the third goal for the visitors. Immediately afterwards C. Corken, getting possession at half-way, ran through and scored. Wanderers attacked, but good work by J. Corken and A. Hunter kept them out until almost full time, when M'Cormick scored from a centre by Little. The end came with no further scoring by either side. Teams:—

South Antrim—J. Allen; R. Draper, A. Shaw; S. Hutcheson, J. Corken, A. Hunter; H. Rutherford, C. Corken, R. Moorhead, B. Hanna, D. Nash.

Pembroke Wanderers—N. McNeil; O. O'Sullivan, G. Cuthbert; H. Buttermer, C. Little, — Polk; A. Hall, W. Buttermer, — O'Connor, W. McCormick, W. Crawford.

Umpires—Rev. J. S. Crockett and Mr. T. Peat.

HOLYWOOD (1) v. R. AND S.P.U. (0).

R. and S.P.U. had Holywood as visitors at Park avenue on Saturday, but had the Northern team not travelled so far for the game, the fixture must have been abandoned, as the ground was in an absolutely unplayable condition, being largely under water.

The game was abandoned shortly before the interval, but in that time the Holywood defence had an opportunity of showing what they could do in abnormal conditions, and, despite the best efforts of the Sullys and Leitch, Railway Union could not score.

Inside the first minute W. Steele rushed away for the visitors, and from a scramble in front of goal put into the net. This was the only goal scored. Leitch brought play down to the Holywood circle, and missed a certain score by shooting wide, and, though a good many corners followed, the Holywood defence stood the test.

W. A. Brown then set the visitors attacking, and they had a good chance from a penalty corner, but off-side spoiled. By this time the field had become so much churned up that the match was rapidly developing into a farce, and it was wisely decided to abandon the game. The teams were:—

R. and S.P.U.—W. Leopold; K. Downey, J. McElveen; J. Ryan, P. N. Murdock, T. Gilleran; T. Browner, C. Sully, V. Sully, H. Sully, R. Leitch.

Holywood—E. M. Dillon; J. Coates, J. Martin; L. Winter, F. Graham, W. A. Brown; B. Winter, W. Steele, H. Winter, H. Ballagh.

SHAMROCKS v. PORTRANE.

Played on St. Stephen's Day at Portrane, and resulted in a win for the home team by 6 goals to 3. The visitors were three players short.

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Antrim	3	Ards	0
East Antrim	0	Y.M.C.A.	0

SELECTIONS FOR CHELTENHAM MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	R. Payne's selected.	Munster's Pride.	Lady Alvey.	Santabel.	Front Line.	Ormada.
S. Life and Sportsman	Southern Lass.	Poobah.	Start Again.	Hackdene.	Front Line.	Flint Stone.
Man on the Spot	Southern Lass.*	Green Label.	Wild Times.	Hackdene.	Bruff Battle.	Hilton.
Westminster Gazette	Greenogue.	Chicot.	Rockmeadow.	Hackdene.	Agincourt.	Sinsama.
Daily News	Greenogue.	Poobah.	Start Again.	Hackdene.*	Front Line.	Hilton.
Daily Express	Cupid's Dart.*	Cashlie; if ab., Poobah.	Lady Alvey; if ab., H. Brown's best.	Hackdene.	Front Line; if ab., Chiltington.	Ormada.*
Daily Mirror	Heathencote.	Munster's Pride.	Lady Alvey.	Santabel.	Agincourt.	Ormada.
Daily Graphic	Toyboat.	Charley's Uncle.	Start Again.	Sancroft.	Front Line.*	Tragacanth; if ab., Glen Galante.
Star	Heathencote.	Munster's Pride.	Wild Times; Dark Dragon, a place.	Santabel.*	Agincourt; Bruff Battle, a place.	Ormada.
Evening News	Cupid's Dart.	Green Label.	Rockmeadow.	Hackdene.*	Agincourt.	Hilton.*
Evening Standard	Toyboat.	Chicot.	Lady Alvey.	Apple Pie.	Bruff Battle.	Hilton.
Daily Mail	Cupid's Dart.	Poobah.	Lady Alvey.	Rathcoole.	Bruff Battle.	Hilton.
Times						

COURS[ING]

SATURDAY'S [...]

CAHERDA[VIN]

Judge—Mr. Walsh. Slip[...] Seldom has park coursing [...] conditions similar to thos[e ...] Caherdavin, a couple of mil[...] Saturday. Following the [...] night, the ground and th[...] were water-logged, and, to [...] the storm broke out afresh [...] No surprise would have be[en ...] meeting been abandoned, [...] all over the running ground [...] and the meeting was proc[...] the ground in such a condit[ion ...] thing but interesting; it c[...] able. Hares and hounds [...] through the pools, and th[...] the circumstances pussy st[...] proportion gaining safety.

CAHERDAVIN STAKES—[...] £30, second £12, third [...]

Mr. M. Griffin's Gladful b[...] Wireless Hawk.
Mr. T. F. Ryan's Real [...] Murphy's Protector's Beau[...]
Mr. T. Lyons' Dotted [...] Hogan's Hasten Home.
Mr. James Brown's Crat[...] Fitzpatrick's Foot Prints.
Mr. Thomas O'Shaughn[essy's ...] bye; Mr. S. G. Mathews' [...]
Miss Manning's Ballym[...] Fitzgibbon's Far and Away[...]
Miss C. Brown's Rock [...] Finn's Bonagh Lass
Mr. S. G. Mathews' [...] Ryan's Hellown.

II.
Gladful beat Real [...]
Dotted Hawk beat [...]
Ballymacroney beat [...]
Melange beat Rock[...]

III.
Dotted Hawk beat [...]
Melange beat Bally[...]

IV.
W. bk. d. Dotted Haw[k ...] Plant) beat f. d. Melange [...]

COONAGH STAKES—For [...] each. Winner £27 1[...] £3 10/-.

Mr. M. Dennehy's Polit[...] Walshe's Golden Jubilee.
Mr. John Wall's Mullina[...] Sheehan's Roxboro.
Mr. M. Small's Small [...] nedy's Caherdavin Lass.
Mr. J. Hartigan's Lega[...] den's Gay Angela.
Mr. M. Gleeson's Hairy [...] O'Leary's Overlap.
Mr. E. Leahy's Lax Law [...] han's Take Your Time.

II.
Mullinahone Cock [...]
Legality beat Small [...]
Lax Law beat Hair[...]

III.
Mullinahone Cock b[...]
Lax Law a, bye.

IV.
Bd. d. Lax Law (Ha[...] beat bk. d. Mullinahone C[ock ...] Pride of Ireland).

MEMBERS' STAKE—For [...] £20, second £8, third [...]

Mr. M. Magner's Flyin[g ...] Dennehy's Ballingaddy.
Mr. M. Madigan's Flyi[...] P. C. Sheerin's Buacaill [...]
Mr. D. Hayes' Smiling [...] Power's Topper's Letter.
Mr. M. Casey's Scamp [...] ham's Rory.
Mr. M. Sheehan's Roxbo[...] O'Brien's Miss Peg.
Mr. T. F. Breen's Hot [...] Foley's North Green absent[...]
Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan's Sob[...] B. Fortley's Eyon Lass.
Mr. J. Lane's Ocean [...] Typer's Honey My Honey[...]

II.
Flying Bertie beat [...]
Smiling Glance bea[t ...]
Hot Cap beat Roxb[...]
Ocean Current beat [...]

III.
Smiling Glance beat [...]
Ocean Current beat [...]

IV.
Smiling Glance beat Oc[...]

CORK

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. S[...] Though at times the we[...] and some showers fell the [...] fine for the holiday meeting [...] day, and the attendance w[...] a considerable time at thi[...] was on the heavy side, a[...] water in places; but the re[...] the bad effect anticipated o[...] one or two exceptions they [...] is customary here, very ma[...] pursuers. It was rather u[...] no courses resulted from do[...] this of course meant a seriou[...] In the Trial Stakes, Thi[...] ably the fastest dog, but h[...] sighted. Despite this, howev[...] enabled him to get up in [...] he met Kilcrea's Pride. H[...] sighted, but from the public [...] to have scored the initial [...] course turned out, this wou[...] but the judge, who was in t[...] decided otherwise. From the outset of the O[...] Full Swing looked reasonab[...] the final, but in a gruelli[ng ...] gibbon. Full Swing did no[t ...] went against him. A promi[...] in Odd Blossom was never [...] her passage through the Bea[...]

TRIAL PRODUCE STAKE—[...] fined). Winner, £22; [...] dogs. £2 10/- each.

Mr. J. Hoare's Think Big [...] Woolsey.
Mr. S. P. Hegarty's Hun[...] Tobin's Brulia's Pride.
Mr. P. Santry's Carbery[...] Murphy's Mileeman.
Mr. E. Sheehan's Goggin[...] Barrett's Shaun Buidhe.
Mr. M. Buckley's Woolsack[...] Cotty.
Mr. W. Hennessy's Kilcrea[...] Roche's Wembley Lass absen[t ...]
Mr. P. Cronin's Smiling[...] Ahern's Piercetown.
Mr. G. Quinn's Finney's [...] Bronin's Cheerful Chuckle [...]

II.
Think Big beat Hunt[...]
Carbery's Star beat [...]
Kilcrea's Pride beat [...]
Smiling Speed beat F[...]

III.
Think Big beat Carb[...]
Kilcrea's Pride beat [...]

IV.
Bk. d. Kilcrea's Pride [...] Ocean Wild) beat w. f. d. T[...] Pearse—Tapet).

BLACKROCK STAKE—For [...] £30; runner-up, £12; [...]

Mr. D. J. Callanan's Hu[...] O'Sullivan's Wild Rover.
Mr. T. Gorman's Old Pal [...] Southern.
Mr. P. Casey's Stride [...] Mahony's Coolagorra.
Mr. W. Ahern's The Lo[...] O'Sullivan's Friendly Champ[...]
Mr. D. McCarthy's Silent[...] J. Scanlon's Croppy Boy [...]
Mr. D. Daly's Ballygibbo[n ...] Matthew's Hill.
Mr. J. W. O'Brien's Ful[l ...] Watson's Beauty's Fancy.
Mr. T. Gorman's Green [...] Levick's Hunter's Daughter[...]

II.
Old Pal beat Hunti[...]
The Lodger beat Str[...]
Ballygibbon beat Sil[...]
Full Swing beat Gre[...]

III.
Old Pal beat The Lo[...]
Ballygibbon beat Ful[...]

Bd. d. Old Pal (Prairie Bi[...] bk. w. d. Ballygibbon (Car[...] divided.

BEAUMONT STAKE—For [...] £25, runner-up, £10; tw[...]

Mr. J. Moran's Skyscraper [...] Mill Wheel V.
Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Bl[ossom ...] Forrest's Kit Cummins.
Mr. W. J. Abernethy's A[...] Beasley's Knockalougha.
Mr. J. Donovan's Smora[...] Driscoll's Carrigroe Boy.
Mr. T. Gorman's Birds' [...] Connell's Conal Cano.
Mr. C. Lucey's Irish G[...] Coakley's Southern Express [...]
Mr. M. J. Hannigan's [...] P. Hegarty's General Doran[...]
Mr. C. Forde's Funny [...] Levick's Swift and Sweet[...]

II.
Odd Blossom beat S[...]
Angora beat Smorano[...]
Irish Gift beat Bird[...]
Tip Toes beat Funn[...]

III.
Odd Blossom beat An[...]
Irish Gift beat Tip T[...]

IV.
Odd Blossom beat Iri[...]

TRALE[E]

Though the weather cond[...] able for the second day of [...] day meeting, the coursing [...] standard of the opening a[...] proved the best lot ever co[...] Park, and the majority foun[...] the oldest followers of the [...] coursing the best ever wit[...] trials were of the very bes[t ...] won.

At the conclusion of the m[...] of Mr. John Baily, seconded [...] a warm vote of thanks was [...] Mr. P. J. Murphy, who, in r[...] beggan was again fit to lead[...] Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Sli[...]

TRIAL STAKES (No. 1)—[...] Winner £22, second £8[...] each.

III.
Freedom's Flame beat [...]
Monarch of All beat [...]

IV.
Mr. J. McEllistrim's w. [...] (Lively Tune—Doonferris) b[...] w. bd. Freedom's Flame (C[...] Tripper).

TRIAL STAKES (No. 2)—F[...] Winner £22, second £8[...] each.

III.
Resin the Bow beat [...]
Lady Lucy beat Flutt[...]

IV.
Mr. D. J. Reidy's bk. Resi[n ...] Fiddler—Riposte) beat Mr. T[...] Lucie (Commandant Pearse—[...]

BALLYBEGGAN STAKES—Fo[r ...] ner £35, second £13, [...] £3 each.

II.
Quickerman beat Jerry [...]
Sans Souci beat Cluna[...]
Keen Card beat Pilot'[...]
To be Sure beat Gunp[...]
Sewing Machine beat [...]

III.
Sans Souci beat Quick[...]
To be Sure beat Keen C[...]
Sewing Machine, a bye.

COURSING.

SATURDAY'S MEETINGS.

CAHERDAVIN.

Judge—Mr. Walsh. Slipper—P. J. Kinnane.

Seldom has park coursing been carried on under conditions similar to those which prevailed at Caherdavin, a couple of miles outside Limerick, on Saturday. Following the rainstorm of Friday night, the ground and the approaches thereto were water-logged, and, to make matters worse, the storm broke out afresh on Saturday morning. No surprise would have been occasioned had the meeting been abandoned, for pools of water lay all over the running ground, but the storm abated and the meeting was proceeded with. But with the ground in such a condition the sport was anything but interesting; it certainly was not enjoyable. Hares and hounds splashed and dashed through the pools, and the wonder was that in the circumstances pussy stood up so well, a big proportion gaining safety.

CAHERDAVIN STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner £30, second £12, third and fourth, £3 each.

Mr. M. Griffin's Gladful beat Mr. Joseph White's Wireless Hawk.

Mr. T. F. Ryan's Real Speed beat Mr. P. V. Murphy's Protector's Beauty.

Mr. T. Lyons' Dotted Hawk beat Mr. J. J. Horgan's Hasten Home.

Mr. James Brown's Cratloe Rover beat Mr. T. Fitzpatrick's Foot Prints.

Mr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy's Pinch Away, a bye; Mr. S. G. Mathews' Mickey the Mill absent.

Miss Manning's Ballymacroney beat Mr. J. Fitzgibbon's Far and Away.

Miss C. Brown's Rock Barton beat Mr. W. Finn's Bonagh Lass.

Mr. S. G. Mathews' Melange beat Mr. P. Ryan's Hellown.

II.

Gladful beat Real Speed.
Dotted Hawk beat Cratloe Rover.
Ballymacroney beat Pinch Away.
Melange beat Rock Barton.

III.

Dotted Hawk beat Gladful.
Melange beat Ballymacroney.

IV.

W. bk. d. Dotted Hawk (Spotted Hawk—Wax Plant) beat f. d. Melange (Three Speed—Ramda).

COONAGH STAKES—For 12 all-ages, at £3 10/- each. Winner £27 10/-, second £11, third £3 10/-.

Mr. M. Dennehy's Political Chief beat Mr. P. Walshe's Golden Jubilee.

Mr. John Wall's Mullinahone Cock beat Mr. M. Sheehan's Roxboro.

Mr. M. Small's Small Port beat Mr. M. Kennedy's Caherdavin Lass.

Mr. J. Hartigan's Legality beat Mr. J. Madden's Gay Angela.

Mr. M. Gleeson's Hairy Man beat Mr. M. J. O'Leary's Overlap.

Mr. E. Leahy's Lax Law beat Mr. M. J. Houlihan's Take Your Time.

II.

Mullinahone Cock beat Political Chief.
Legality beat Small Port.
Lax Law beat Hairy Man.

III.

Mullinahone Cock beat Legality.
Lax Law a bye.

IV.

Bd. d. Lax Law (Harmonicon—Double Dew) beat bk. d. Mullinahone Cock (Again Victorious—Pride of Ireland).

MEMBERS' STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner £20, second £8, third and fourth, £2 each.

Mr. M. Magner's Flying Bertie beat Mr. M. Dennehy's Ballingaddy.

Mr. M. Madigan's Flying Hawkess beat Mr. P. C. Sheerin's Buacaill Breah.

Mr. D. Hayes' Smiling Glance beat Mr. E. J. Power's Topper's Letter.

Mr. M. Casey's Scamp III. beat Mr. P. Markham's Rory.

Mr. M. Sheehan's Roxboro' Lass beat Mr. M. O'Brien's Miss Peg.

Mr. T. F. Breen's Hot Cap, a bye; Mr. J. J. Foley's North Green absent.

Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan's Sober Kit beat Mr. Joseph B. Portley's Eyon Lass.

Mr. J. Lane's Ocean Current beat Mr. J. Pyper's Honey My Honey.

II.

Flying Bertie beat Flying Hawkess.
Smiling Glance beat Scamp III.
Hot Cap beat Roxboro' Lass.
Ocean Current beat Sober Kit.

III.

Smiling Glance beat Flying Bertie.
Ocean Current beat Hot Cap.

IV.

Smiling Glance beat Ocean Current.

CORK.

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

Though at times the weather was bitterly cold and some showers fell the day was on the whole fine for the holiday meeting at Lakelands on Saturday, and the attendance was the largest seen for a considerable time at this venue. The ground was on the heavy side, and there were pools of water in places; but the recent rains did not have the bad effect anticipated on the hares, and with one or two exceptions they stood up well, and, as is customary here, very many of them beat their pursuers. It was rather unfortunate that several no courses resulted from dogs being unsighted, and this of course meant a serious handicap.

In the Trial Stakes, Think Big was unquestionably the fastest dog, but he kept on getting unsighted. Despite this, however, his fine pace always enabled him to get up in front, and in the final he met Kilcrea's Pride. Here again he was unsighted, but from the public viewpoint he appeared to have scored the initial points, and, as the course turned out, this would have won for him, but the judge, who was in the best position to see, decided otherwise.

From the outset of the Open Stake, Old Pal and Full Swing looked reasonably certain to meet in the final, but in a gruelling course with Ballygibbon, Full Swing did not stay on, and the flag went against him. A promising young greyhound in Odd Blossom was never seriously challenged in her passage through the Beaumont Stake.

TRIAL PRODUCE STAKE—For 16 puppies (confined). Winner, £32; runner-up, £8; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. J. Hoare's Think Big beat Mr. M. Buckley's Woolsey.

Mr. S. P. Hegarty's Hunting Hill beat Mr. J. Tobin's Brulia's Pride.

Mr. P. Santry's Carbery's Star beat Mr. T. Murphy's Mileeman.

Mr. E. Sheehan's Goggin's Hill beat Mrs. J. Barrett's Shaun Buidhe.

Mr. M. Buckley's Woolsack beat Mr. V. Connell's Catty.

Mr. W. Hennessy's Kilcrea's Pride a bye, Mr. M. Roche's Wembley Lass absent.

Mr. P. Cronin's Smiling Speed beat Mr. M. Ahern's Piercetown.

Mr. G. Quinn's Finney's Pride a bye, Mr. J. J. Brain's Cheerful Chuckle disqualified.

II.

Think Big beat Hunting Hill.
Carbery's Star beat Goggin's Hill.
Kilcrea's Pride beat Woolsack.
Smiling Speed beat Finney's Pride.

III.

Think Big beat Carbery's Star.
Kilcrea's Pride beat Smiling Speed.

IV.

Bk. d. Kilcrea's Pride (Guards Brigade—Ocean Wild) beat w. f. d. Think Big (Commandant Pearse—Tapeti).

BLACKROCK STAKE—For 16 all ages. Winner, £50; runner-up, £12; two dogs, £3 each.

Mr. D. J. Callanan's Hunting Call beat Mr. E. O'Sullivan's Wild Rover.

Mr. T. Gorman's Old Pal beat Mr. D. Desmond's Southern.

Mr. P. Casey's Stride Away beat Mr. T. Mahony's Coologorra.

Mr. W. Ahern's The Lodger a bye; Mr. J. O'Sullivan's Friendly Champion absent.

Mr. D. McCarthy's Silent Charger beat Mr. P. J. Scanlon's Croppy Boy IX.

Mr. D. Daly's Ballygibbon beat Mr. J. Burke's Matthew's Hill.

Mr. J. W. O'Brien's Full Swing beat Mr. A. Watson's Beauty's Fancy.

Mr. T. Gorman's Green Mantle beat Mr. H. Levick's Hunter's Daughter.

II.

Old Pal beat Hunting Call.
The Lodger beat Stride Away.
Ballygibbon beat Silent Charger.
Full Swing beat Green Mantle.

III.

Old Pal beat The Lodger.
Ballygibbon beat Full Swing.

Bd. d. Old Pal (Prairie Bird—Likely Mover) and bk. w. d. Ballygibbon (Carrigwee—Friendly Jane) divided.

BEAUMONT STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £25, runner-up, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. J. Moran's Skyscraper beat Mr. P. Holland's Mill Wheel V.

Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Blossom beat Mr. D. C. Forrest's Kit Cummins.

Mr. W. J. Abernethy's Angora beat Mr. E. Beasley's Knockalougha.

Mr. J. Donovan's Smorane Boy beat Mr. C. Driscoll's Carrigroe Boy.

Mr. T. Gorman's Birds' Grove beat Mr. V. Connell's Conal Cano.

Mr. C. Lucey's Irish Gift, a bye; Mr. M. Coakley's Southern Express absent.

Mr. M. J. Hannigan's Tip Toes beat Mr. P. Hegarty's General Doran.

Mr. C. Forde's Funny Fellow beat Mr. H. Levick's Swift and Sweet.

II.

Odd Blossom beat Skyscraper.
Angora beat Smorane Boy.
Irish Gift beat Birds' Grove.
Tip Toes beat Funny Fellow.

III.

Odd Blossom beat Angora.
Irish Gift beat Tip Toes.

IV.

Odd Blossom beat Irish Gift.

TRALEE.

Though the weather conditions were unfavourable for the second day of the Ballybeggan holiday meeting, the coursing was well up to the standard of the opening afternoon. The hares proved the best lot ever coursed in Ballybeggan Park, and the majority found the escape. Indeed, the oldest followers of the leash proclaimed the coursing the best ever witnessed there. The trials were of the very best, and the best dog won.

At the conclusion of the meeting, on the motion of Mr. John Baily, seconded by Mr. John Griffin, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the judge, Mr. P. J. Murphy, who, in reply, said that Ballybeggan was again fit to lead Ireland in coursing.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

TRIAL STAKES (No. 1)—For 16 dog puppies. Winner £22, second £8, two dogs £2 7/6 each.

III.

Freedom's Flame beat P.M.G.
Monarch of All beat Battalia.

IV.

Mr. J. McEllistrim's w. bd. Monarch of All (Lively Tune—Doonferris) beat Mr. S. Fuller's w. bd. Freedom's Flame (Commandant Pearse—Tripper).

TRIAL STAKES (No. 2)—For 16 bitch puppies. Winner £22, second £8, two dogs £2 7/6 each.

III.

Resin the Bow beat Keen Rover.
Lady Lucy beat Fluttering Lark.

IV.

Mr. D. J. Reidy's bk. Resin the Bow (Clonagh Fiddler—Riposte) beat Mr. T. Quane's bd. Lady Lucie (Commandant Pearse—Wet Kiss II.).

BALLYBEGGAN STAKES—For 20 all-ages. Winner £35, second £13, third £6, two dogs £3 each.

II.

Quickerman beat Jerry M.
Sans Souci beat Clunagh Jazz.
Keen Card beat Pilot's Call.
To be Sure beat Gunpowder.
Sewing Machine beat Gregory Belle.

III.

Sans Souci beat Quickerman.
To be Sure beat Keen Card.
Sewing Machine, a bye.

IV.

Sans Souci beat Sewing Machine.
To be Sure, a bye.

Mr. J. J. Rice's bd. d. Sewing Machine (Royal David—Royal Bella) and Mr. S. Brophy's f. d. Sans Souci (Full Speed—Scylla) divided.

HOLIDAY STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner £20, second £8, two dogs £2 each.

II.

Hattaway beat Brennan's Glen.
Howth road beat Glide Through.
Broken Bridge beat Whipper.
Village Belle, a bye; Butterant, drawn.

III.

Hattaway beat Howth road.
Broken Bridge beat Village Belle.

Stakes divided.

PARK STAKES—For 32 all-ages. Winner £34, second £12, two dogs £5 each, four dogs £2 each.

II.

Bon Viviant beat Suy.
Hunting Hall beat Happy Pat.
Wily Foe beat Lerrig Cross.
Latchkey III. beat Repay.
Cablegram II. beat Fastnet Light.
Wilful Idle beat Erin's Flight.
Gay Polly beat Miss Nannie.
One Two Three beat Ranalough.

III.

Hunting Hall beat Bon Viviant.
Wily Foe beat Latchkey III.
Cablegram II. beat Wilful Idle.
One Two Three beat Gay Polly.

IV.

Wily Foe beat Hunting Hall.
One Two Three beat Cablegram II.

Stakes divided.

DUNDALK AND DOWDALLSHILL.

Judge—Mr. M. Skehan. Slipper—T. M'Kitterick.

TRIAL STAKE—For 16 puppies. Winner, £20; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. L. Grant's Baile na Habine beat Mr. S. Fennell's Farney Hill.

Mr. J. Byrne's Rodeo beat Mr. L. Kiernan's Lord Louth.

Mr. C. Smyth's Spin beat Mr. P. Martin's March 'em All.

Mr. J. Grant's Creg-a-War beat Mr. J. Byrne's Settledown.

Mr. O. O'Neill's Ormonde beat Mr. C. M'Menus's Macken's Fight.

Mr. T. Farrelly's Friar's Melody beat Mr. T. Carolan's Chevy Chase.

Mr. J. M'Parland's Albert St. Bar beat Mr. R. Hughes's Lustrous Lassie.

Mr. M. Smith's Some Lark beat Mr. J. Boyle's Nancy Aiken.

II

Rodeo beat Baile na Habine.
Spin beat Creg-a-War.
Ormonde beat Friar's Melody.
Albert St. Bar beat Some Lark.

III

Rodeo beat Spin.
Ormonde beat Albert St. Bar.

IV.

Bd. d. Ormonde (Three Speed—Street Singer III.) beat bd. d. Rodeo (Tip-Top VIII.—Lisbunny Star).

THE MACARDLE CHALLENGE CUP. Winner £25; second, £11; two dogs, £3 each.

Mr. J. M'Kenna's Mount Oriel beat Mr. W. Mulligan's Midgie's Chum.

Mr. F. Garland's Golden Gipsy a bye; Mr. M'Namee's Heranman absent.

Miss J. M. Smith's Service Kit beat Mr. R. Dunne's Try Once More.

Mr. T. M'Entegart's Mons Star beat Mr. M. Durnin's Victory Still.

Mr. M. Hourican's Washing Day beat Messrs. Cooney and Mathews's The Bull.

Mr. P. Muckian's Crockard beat Mr. J. T. Skelly's Red Head.

Dr. Cooney's Brierly Hill beat Mr. J. Doran's Agcoluinn.

II

Mount Oriel beat Golden Gipsy.
Service Kit beat Mons Star.
Washing Day beat Crockard.
Brierly Hill a bye.

Stakes divided.

DUNDALK STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £18; second, £9; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. J. Shiels's Colduff beat Mr. P. J. Small's Simple Paddy.

Mr. J. J. Tuite's Mutual Friend beat Mr. A. J. O'Brien's Mizzen Head.

Mr. M'Ardle's Broomfield Rebel beat Mr. P. Forde's Collycorbet Boy.

Mr. F. Garland's Racing Horse beat Mr. C. Smith's Sturmey Archer.

Mr. W. Battersby's June Hawk beat Mr. J. Burns's Bluthers.

Mr. J. Shiels's Culdoo beat Mr. J. Waller's Farney Dick.

Mr. W. Fennell's Rose Villa beat Mr. S. M'Kevitt's Main Broom.

Mr. P. Farrell's Flying Guinea beat Mr. P. M'Ardle's Mickey's Fancy.

II.

Colduff beat Mutual Friend.
Racing Horse beat Broomfield Rebel.
June Hawk beat Culdoo.
Flying Guinea beat Rose Villa.

Stakes divided.

CLONMEL AND KILSHEELAN.

Judge—Mr. P. Meehan. Slipper—M. Walsh.

KILCASH CASTLE STAKES (No. 1)—For 8 puppies. Winner, £11; second, £5.

Mr. Fogarty's Foot It a bye; Mr. Ryan's Ruby Error absent.

Mr. Prendergast's Prison Guard a bye; Mr. Myers's Naheen Beauty absent.

Miss Keating's Knocklofty beat Miss O'Reilly's Orange Leaves.

Mr. Keating's Kilgrant beat Mr. Walshe's Waterford Callis.

II.

Foot It beat Prison Guard.
Knocklofty beat Kilgrant.

Stakes divided.

KILCASH CASTLE STAKES (No. 2)—For 8 puppies. Winner, £11; second, £5.

Mr. Prendergast's Modest Mite beat Mr. Quanne's Quella.

Mr. O'Gorman's Garryricken beat Mr. Britton's Bell Away.

Mr. Britton's Bell Boy beat Mr. Brown's Biplane.

Mr. O'Reilly's Colwyn Bay beat Mr. Ahearne's Beehive Girl.

II.

Garryricken beat Modest Mite.
Bell Boy beat Colwyn Bay.

Stakes divided.

BALLYBOE STAKES—For 2 puppies. Winner, £5.

Mr. Hogan's Cushy Boy beat Mr. Dunne's Sporting Job.

ORMONDE LODGE STAKES—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £17; second, £7.

Mr. Morris's Warrior Bard beat Mr. O'Gorman's Ormonde Lodge.

Mr. Condon's Sean the Liar beat Mr. Hanvey's You Sir.

Mr. O'Gorman's Marching Tune beat Mr. O'Keeffe's Moyle's Ranger.

Mrs. Coughlan's Dark-Eyed Gipsy beat Mr. Power's Lady Melba.

II.

Warrior Bard beat Sean the Liar.
Marching Tune beat Dark-Eyed Gipsy.

III.

Marching Tune beat Warrior Bard.

SLIEVENAMON STAKES—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £11; second, £4.

Mr. Stapleton's Full of Power beat Mr. Laffan's Gallaboula.

Mr. Dunne's Dan the Brave beat Mr. Barlow's Fawn Leg.

Mr. Cleary's Gappho a bye.

II.

Full of Power beat Dan the Brave.
Gappho a bye.

III.

Gappho beat Full of Power.

BOYNE VALLEY.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Kennedy. Slipper—Mr. D. Egan.

THE OLDTOWN STAKE—For 8 puppies. Winner, £9; second, £4.

Mr. John Mullen's Lady Rockdale beat Mr. T. Kinsella's Killura Chief.

Mr. George Irwin's Little Biddy Flynn beat Mr. M. Rooney's Merry Moucher.

Mr. John Bruton's Beaming Firm, a bye; Mr. G. Caddell's My Select, absent.

Mrs. M. Doyle's Hero Lad beat Mr. P. Mitchell's Boyne Rover.

II.

Lady Rockdale beat Little Biddy Flynn.
Beaming Firm, a bye; Hero Lad, drawn.

W. f. b. Lady Rockdale (Lively Tune—Daisy Rock) and bd. d. Beaming Firm (The Old Firm—Fighting Girl) divided.

JOHNSTOWN STAKE—For 8 all ages. Winner, £11; second, £5.

Mr. J. Fagan's Free Trading beat Mr. J. S. Langan's Lorraine.

Mr. R. McAuley's Gay Gosson beat Mr. G. W. Ahern's Battle Dawn.

Mr. W. Duffy's Heather Honey beat Mr. L. Mongey's Merry Whisper.

Mr. L. Mongey's Miller's Pride beat Mr. T. Jackson's Victorious Maisie.

II.

Free Trading beat Gay Gosson.
Heather Honey beat Miller's Pride.

Bk. b. Free Trading (Honey Man—Magical Maid IV.) and b. b. Heather Honey (Lusory—Inexplicable) divided.

FOLLISTOWN STAKE—For 16 all ages. Winner, £12; second, £5; third and fourth dogs, 30/- each.

Mr. M. Byrne's Ardcath Beauty beat Mr. R. Rennick's White Quarry Lass.

Mr. Wm. Swan's Lively Erin beat Mr. James McNally's Ben Machree.

Mr. R. Grace's Madge's Chum beat Mr. J. J. Callagy's Quixo.

Mr. M. Carolan's Black Jet beat Mr. T. Jackson's Cheerful Tune.

Mr. J. Corrigan's Llandudno beat Mr. T. McHugh's Dunany.

Mr. J. J. Poland's Holly Leaves beat Mr. S. Rennick's Coolfore.

Mr. John Bruton's Beaming Beauty beat Mr. L. Lynch's Lady of the Rose.

Mr. James Murray's Molly O'Moore beat Mr. T. Jackson's Inver Lady.

II.

Lively Erin beat Ardcath Beauty.
Madge's Chum beat Black Jet.
Llandudno beat Holly Leaves.
Molly O'Moore beat Beaming Beauty.

III.

Madge's Chum beat Lively Erin.
Molly O'Moore beat Llandudno.

F. r. b. Madge's Chum (Cheerful Chum—Foggy Dew) beat f. b. Molly O'Moore (Moore's Melody—Molly's Fancy).

CLONLEIGH.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Meenan. Slipper—J. Horan.

CLONLEIGH STAKES—For 12 puppies. Winner, £17; second, £8; third, £2 10/-.

Ballygorman beat Curious Colour; Glen Swilly beat Night Call; Dingle Derry beat Leashlock; Pharis Bat beat Boundary Line; Yellow Dot a bye, More Pride absent; Old Friendship beat Castlegore Maid.

Second Round—Ballygorman beat Glen Swilly; Dingle Derry beat Pharis Bat; Old Friendship beat Yellow Dot.

Third Round—Dingle Derry beat Ballygorman; Old Friendship a bye.

Deciding Course—Mr. Diggins' f. d. Dingle Derry (Royal David—Otter Hunter) beat Mr. R. Simpson's r. f. d. Old Friendship (Victory Again—Glory Galore).

STRABANE STAKES—For 13 all-ages. Winner, £22; second, £9; two dogs, £3 each.

Don Peril beat Irish Boy; Dornie beat Steam Packet II.; Carrick-a-rede beat Breggan Rioghs; Border Guard beat Peace Perhaps; Bar Attraction beat Major Dick; Jack O'Puchaun a bye, Knight of Kildare absent; Irish Beauty III. a bye.

Second Round—Dornie beat Don Peril; Carrick-a-rede beat Border Guard; Bar Attraction beat Irish Beauty III.; Jack O'Puchaun a bye.

Third Round—Carrick-a-rede beat Dornie, Bar Attraction beat Jack O'Puchaun.

Deciding Course—Mr. J. McCaw's be. w. d. Carrick-a-rede (Victory Again—Daynettie) beat Mr. Vaughan's Bar Attraction (Victory Again—Genetica).

THE FOYLE STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £16; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.

Knockfair beat Thomas; Carrickmore beat Heel Ball; Sunnyfield Prince beat Broken Link; Border Chief beat Ballyhillion; Gambling Sport beat Quick Victory; Stone Bridge beat Good Luck Again; Steam Launch beat Miss Melody; Play Fair beat Miss Rossville.

Second Round—Carrickmore beat Knockfair; Border Chief beat Sunnyfield Prince; Stone Bridge beat Gambling Sport; Steam Launch beat Play Fair.

Third Round—Carrickmore beat Border Chief; Steam Launch beat Stone Bridge.

Deciding Course—Carrickmore beat Steam Launch.

RUGBY.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

LONDON V. NEW ZEALAND.

ALL BLACKS' TWENTY-SEVENTH WIN.

Continuing their victorious career, the New Zealand team gained their twenty-seventh consecutive success at Blackheath on Saturday, when, in their second match against London, they scored two goals and six tries to a try, or twenty-eight points to three. They now have only one more English engagement—against England, at Twickenham on Saturday next, after which they go over to Paris and meet France. It is dangerous to prophecy what will happen at Twickenham, but, judging by the wonderful form they have shown, it seems more than likely that the present "All Blacks" team will return to their country having won all their matches. If they do they will beat the record of their predecessors, who suffered only one reverse, at the hands of Wales at Cardiff. When the London team was first picked it was felt that they would give the New Zealanders a very hard game, but from the first men began to cry off, and as late as Saturday there were two further changes in the side, R. K. Melluish coming in at full-back for H. W. F. Franklin, who had been chosen to fill the vacancy created by the defection of Raymond. The other alteration was caused by Cove-Smith dropping out, W. F. Browne taking his place. All these changes occurring as they did right through the team naturally robbed the match of much of its interest, and, to make matters worse, the conditions under which it was played were truly terrible. A high south-westerly wind accompanied by torrents of rain had swept over the ground during the night and continued all through the proceedings. This not only had the effect of seriously affecting the attendance, which probably numbered less than ten thousand, but it reduced the turf to a deplorable state. Before the match the ground was very bad, and, churned up by the players, it became almost like a quagmire, men slipping and sliding about in all directions. To add to their discomforts in this way the players were handicapped by a cold, wet, and very greasy ball, and the longer the game lasted the more difficult was it to play anything like reasonably good Rugby. Literally, the ball was like a huge piece of cold, wet soap. In these circumstances mistakes in handling and passing, not to mention kicking and running, readily could be forgiven.

The New Zealanders, taking no risks, placed what was practically their best side in the field, Mark Nicholls returning to the side after being absent from a few matches. So far as the result was concerned, there was no fluke about it. The "All Blacks" were incomparably the better side at every point. One, however, could praise them more heartily if they had kept their game freer from those little things which have detracted during the tour from the doings of what is really a great side. There were numerous cases of off-side—several being penalised, but many not detected by the referee—and one glaring case of obstruction after a London player had punted the ball forward. There is no need to particularise, as these faults were present and obvious to most onlookers. Unfortunately for London, H. L. Price, after starting brilliantly, fell lame, and left the field, and although he returned before the interval he took no part in the match after change of ends. Cook, of the New Zealanders, late in the game also left the field, limping. When that happend New Zealand had the match in their hands. Of the London forwards Marshall, Howell, Hillard, and Browne all did good work, but generally speaking, the pack was over-weighted and outpaced, the New Zealand forwards always being up to the ball ready to take a pass and tackling superbly. Strong played very well at scrum half, and was plucky in going down to the rushes, but for the most part the London three-quarters had to devote most of their attention to defence. Without doing anything great, Gracie was sound at stand-off half. Hamilton-Wickes tackled finely, and Gibbs made full use of the one real chance he got during the game. The match was clearly too much for Melluish, but he had a somewhat thankless task, and compared unfavourably with Nepia. On the whole, the New Zealand backs handled much better than did London, Mill and McGregor both giving a fine display. The influence of Nicholls was clearly felt and Cooke, as usual, was extremely good, but when the match is summed up one comes to the same conclusion about the New Zealanders as in all their previous games. They were rare opportunists, very fast, and invariably backed each other up in wonderful fashion.

Early in the game the London forwards brought off some good rushes, and they were also helped by being awarded four penalty kicks in about the first twelve minutes. New Zealand, however, took the lead after a quarter of an hour, when Cooke kicked hard along the ground and followed up swiftly. He was stopped by Hamilton-Wickes and Gibbs, but C. Brownlie, backing up his colleague, picked up in some loose play, and went over with a try, which Nicholls converted. Further good handling by the New Zealanders followed, but Price led a rush well into the New Zealand 25. A little later Wickes got clean away, with Davies and Jacob on either side of him. As he swerved past Nepia he tried to give Davies an under-arm pass, but the ball fell to the ground, and McGregor picked up and made many yards before passing to C. Brownlie, who sent Donald in with a try. Following further hard scrummaging, London obtained their one score, Melluish was tackled in his own 25, but managed to get the ball to Browne, who threw it out to Gibbs. The last named easily rounded Steele, and nearing Nepia, punted over the full-back's head to race on with a tremendous spurt, and get the touch down. Before half time New Zealand went further ahead, Nepia starting a run which ended, after a lot of short passing, in M. Brownlie scoring. Thus at the interval New Zealand led by 11 points to 3.

For a little while after the change of ends London held their own fairly well, but in eight minutes C. Brownlie scored again, and then in the next twelve minutes London had a very bad time. From a line out C. Brownlie went in after some short passing, and from a scrum Mill sent Parker in with another try. New Zealand now had the game in their hands, but they did not relax their efforts, for Richardson scored another try, from which Nicholls placed a goal, and from a scrummage near the line Irvine forced his way over, and fell on the ball. Nicholls took all but one of the place kicks, but with the conditions as they were found great difficulty in getting the ball any distance. Twice in the first half it was blown right back, and in the second half both Nicholls and Nepia struck one of the uprights. Result:

New Zealand—2 goals, 6 tries (28 points).
London—1 try (3 points).

Teams:—

London—R. K. Melluish (Old Merchant Taylors); R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Harlequins), V. G. Davies (Harlequins), H. P. Jacob (Blackheath), and J. C. Gibbs (Harlequins); A. L. Gracie (Harlequins) and W. I. N. Strong (Blackheath); R. G. Howell (Harlequins), R. J. Hillard (Old Paulines), R. C. Hare (Old Blues), H. P. Marshall (Harlequins), H. L. Price (Harlequins), W. F. Browne (Harlequins), J. H. F. Edmiston (Blackheath), and J. W. R. Douglas (Richmond).

New Zealand—G. Nepia; K. S. Svenson, A. E. Cooke, and J. Steele; M. Nicholls and N. P. McGregor; J. Mill and J. H. Parker; Q. Donald, W. Irvine, M. Brownlie, R. R. Masters, C. Brownlie, L. F. Cupples, and J. Richardson.

Referee—T. J. Bradburn (Lancashire).

LONDON IRISH (14) V. WANDERERS (3).

Following their heavy defeat by the North of Ireland club at Belfast on Friday, London-Irish gave a much improved display in the second and last match of their Irish tour—that against Wanderers at Lansdowne road on Saturday—and gained a substantial victory by 1 goal and 3 tries (14 points) to 1 try (3 points). The conditions under which the match was played were anything but favourable. The heavy rains of Friday night, and almost up to the hour of starting on Saturday, had left the pitch in such a heavy condition that, apart from accurate handling or passing being almost impossible, the players experienced the greatest difficulty in keeping their feet. In the circumstances the forwards had matters pretty much their own way, the play chiefly consisting of loose rushes, with now and then a back attempting to pick up and kick. London-Irish, who had several changes from the side defeated up North, were strengthened by the inclusion of the Bective forward, Powell. In the loose the visitors had much the better of matters, but Wanderers held their own well in the tight, and on a drier pitch would have done much better.

The visitors had altogether the better of the opening half, and fully deserved their lead of nine points at the interval. Beamish, Powell and Cagney were always foremost in leading rushes, but good tackling by Kennedy, Watson and Murray kept the home line in check till midway through the half. Then a mistake by Collins let Beamish away, and the ball was rushed over the line and O'Malley secured a try, which Kelly failed to convert. Occasional attacks by Wanderers were easily repulsed, and before the interval Cagney and Beamish scored further tries for London-Irish, neither of which were goaled.

The second period was more of an even nature, the Wanderers front rank, particularly Collis, Potterton and Johnston putting in much good work. Early in this half an attack by the visitors found O'Malley getting the ball sharply away from a scrum, and, after O'Connell had handled, Kelly made a nice opening for Knox to score behind the posts. Kelly added the extra points. Wanderers attacked strongly after this, and after Greer had lost a good chance by failing to accept a transfer from Potterton, Murray, from a scramble, scored, Kennedy failing to improve.

The outstanding player on the winning side was Beamish, who was prominent in every rush, and the best forward on the ground. He was well supported by Cagney and Powell. O'Malley did much good work at the base of the scrum, while Kelly and Knox were the pick of the three-quarter line. C. A. Hilliard was overshadowed at full-back by his vis-a-vis, Kennedy, who came through a trying ordeal for Wanderers with flying colours. Poff was the best of the second line, with Greer next. Murray was better than Higginbottom at half, Collis, Johnston, Potterton and Ackland were the best of the Wanderers forwards. Result:—

London-Irish 1 goal 3 tries (14 points).
Wanderers 1 try (3 points).

Teams:—

Wanderers—D. Kennedy; E. M. Greer, F. S. Poff, D. Collins, R. V. Watson; F. Murray, C. Higginbottom; C. H. Ackland, J. E. Cairns, W. R. Collis, A. J. Fisher, C. Hillyard, J. W. Johnston, H. N. Potterton, R. D. Ryland.

London-Irish—C. A. Hilliard; H. S. Hilliard, W. O'Connell, P. J. Kelly, B. W. Knox; R. Moore-O'Ferrall, C. J. S. O'Malley; D. E. Reid, C. J. Cagney, T. W. West, F. W. Beamish, C. Buckley, W. S. Foley, F. C. Powell, J. J. Donovan.

Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.

BECTIVE RANGERS (0) V. LANSDOWNE (0).

These teams met at Donnybrook on Saturday, under the most trying conditions, the weather being bitterly cold, while the ground, after the heavy rain which prevailed almost up to the time of starting, had become sodden, and covered with pools of water in places. The visitors fielded a good pack, but in view of the French match, W. E. Crawford stood down, and Guise-Brown took his place at back. McWeeney replaced McGuire at centre three-quarter, and Keohane came into the side at out-half. Bective were without Clarke, Fitzgerald, and D. O'Meara in the back division, and R. Collopy, J. Egan, Powell, and Fagan were missing from the forward rank.

The game was mainly a kick and rush affair, plentifully interspersed with free kicks. The Bective seven got possession well enough, but their backs could not control the slimy ball, and at the outset Lansdowne pressed, aided by three frees, and forced a touch down. A. P. Atkins then, from a free, found touch at centre. He, W. Collopy, and Meldon had a nice passing bout, but Keohane, Delap, and Guise-Brown did sound work, and though Farrell, Meldon, and W. Atkins were prominent in Bective attacks, the interval arrived scoreless.

Play was much the same in the second half, alternating rushes being the order, and the players almost unrecognisable from mud and slush. Lansdowne forwards were having the better of the argument, and though A. P. Atkins put in a fine run he was brought down at the visitors' 25, while Harris next had a dash on the left and got over, but was held up in the nick of time, and a mud-lark ended in honours easy.

For Bective, J. Ballagh was sound at back; A. P. Atkins got great length into his kicks, and his brother did some smart work on the other wing. Meldon was enterprising, and W. P. Collopy made the most of his chances as rover. Wade, Farrell, Ryan, and McAllister were the best of the forwards. For Lansdowne, Guise-Brown was cool and safe at back; Harris and Murray were the best of the three-quarters. Keohane kicked well, and Delap worked the scrum smartly; while the pick of a good pack were R. D. Pike, Whitty, McEnery and Porter. Result:—

Bective Rangers ...... Nil
Lansdowne ...... Nil

Teams:—

Bective Rangers—J. Ballagh; A. P. Atkins, M. O'Meara, S. Ballagh, C. V. Meldon, W. Atkins; J. Arigho, W. P. Collopy; A. Wade, J. Farrell, D. Ryan, J. McMurrough, P. McAllister, W. Walker, T. Little.

Lansdowne—E. Guise-Brown; J. K. Murray, H. Dodds, D. McWeeney, T. V. Harris; K. Keohane, M. V. Delap; P. J. Whitty, A. H. Pike, T. O. Pike, R. D. Pike, J. S. Peitigrew, J. McEnery, W. Browne, W. Porter.

Referee—Mr. T. Bell.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE V. INSTONIANS.

MATCH ABANDONED.

After twenty minutes' play at Terenure on Saturday, this match had to be abandoned, the ground being then in an unfit condition to continue. There was no score up to the time of the abandonment.

N.I.F.C. (33) V. MONKSTOWN (0).

This was the only senior match in Belfast on Saturday, and at one time it was uncertain whether it would be played, as the ground at Ormeau was badly cut up by the London-Irish v. N.I.F.C. match and had suffered another night's deluge and was in a terribly heavy condition. However, Monkstown had made the journey, and at the last moment it was decided to play rather than disappoint the visitors and the considerable crowd which turned up. The attendance would have been larger but for the uncertainty about play, as quite a number who had turned up earlier had gone away under the impression that there would be no game.

Monkstown travelled seven short of their usual side, and had the assistance of a couple of Malone players, Buchan and Lamont. It may be mentioned that they were to have played Knock on Friday, but Knock were unable to raise a team, and a wire to this effect was sent.

North had the assistance of G. V. Stephenson, and, from the scoring point of view, won with ease, the result being thirty-three points to nothing in their favour. It was their superiority behind the scrummage which gave them such a big margin, as the way in which their backs, and especially Stephenson, Wheeler, and Hamilton, held a ball as slippery as a piece of soap, was remarkably good. Their defence, too, was much better than that of Monkstown, but then the latter was largely dependent upon their forwards for attacking. The Dublin forwards played a grand, loose game in the mud, and were quite often in opposing territory, but failed to push their attacks home. They were, however, frequently beaten in the scrummages, and when they did get possession the backs indulged in lateral running and were easily held up.

On the winning side, Zebedee again showed his resourcefulness and good kicking powers, while of the backs, as indicated, Stephenson, Wheeler and Hamilton were best, though the others were all sound and had their share in the team's success. Amongst the forwards, Cunningham, McCombe, McKee, and Payne were the pick. O'Brien, at full for Monkstown, was slow, and M'Caldin and Ganly did best amongst the backs. Rankin, Guise-Brown, and Murphy were most prominent in a hard-working pack, which also had a good worker in O. P. Chance.

The North scorers in the first half were Wheeler, Stephenson (3), Hamilton, three of the tries being converted, so that the home side led at half-time by twenty-one points to nothing. They only added twelve points in the second half, in which Monkstown were more aggressive than in the first. The scorers were Payne, Hamilton, Bramwell, and Wheeler, and none of the tries were converted. Result:—

N.I.F.C. ...... 3 goals 6 tries (33 pts.)
Monkstown...... Nil

Teams:—

Monkstown—J. O'Brien; C. M'Caldin (captain), R. C. Stafford, J. B. Ganly, and R. H. Brett; H. A. Brittain and D. Lyons; D. R. Little, J. F. Murphy, G. D. Rankin, R. A. Guise-Brown, C. J. Furlong, H. G. Lamont, O. P. Chance, and J. A. Buchanan.

N.I.F.C.—F. Zebedee; G. Barr, R. W. Hutchinson, G. V. Stephenson, and R. Hamilton; J. R. Wheeler and T. Mayne; D. Cunningham, C. T. Payne, M. M'Kee, T. Bramwell, L. M'Combe, G. Tyrrell, C. J. Webb, and T. Adams.

Referee—Mr. W. A. B. Douglas.

IRELAND V. FRANCE.

The Irish team to meet France at Paris on New Year's Day leave by the morning mail train from Westland Row to-morrow. They will put up at London that night and resume the journey on Wednesday morning, reaching Paris that afternoon. No further changes have been notified on the team.

SCOTLAND V. FRANCE.

THE SCOTTISH SIDE.

Following the final Trial game the team to represent Scotland v. France at Inverleith on January 24th was selected as follows:—

Full back—D. Drysdale (Heriots).

Three-quarters—A. C. Wallace and G. P. S. Macpherson (Oxford University), A. L. Gracie (Harlequins), and I. S. Smith (Oxford University).

Half-backs—H. Waddell and J. B. Nelson (Glasgow Academicals).

Forwards—J. M. Bannerman and J. W. Scott (Stewart College), J. Gilchrist and W. H. Stevenson (Glasgow Academicals), A. C. Gillies (Watsonians), D. J. Macmyn (Cambridge), and J. R. Paterson (Cheshire).

The new caps are Nelson, Scott, Gilchrist, Stevenson, Macmyn, and Paterson.

Lansdowne Schoolboy and junior members please attend a practice at Lansdowne road to-day at 3 p.m.

CROSS-CHANNEL RESULTS.

SCOTTISH TRIAL.

	Points.		Points.
Scotland	27	The Rest	3

CLUB MATCHES.

Old Merchant Taylors	15	London Scottish	0
Fettesian-Lorettonians	10	Richmond	0
Cardiff	23	Blackheath	3
Ebbw Vale	7	Bedford	0
Gloucester	21	Bath	0
Birmingham	6	Pontypool	3
Plymouth Albion	8	Penrhyn	0
*Llanelly	14	Bridgwater	0
Bristol	3	Swansea	3
Leicester	22	Heriotonians	3
Mosely	9	Liverpool	6
Racing Club (France)	3	Northampton	0
Manchester	11	Northern	8

Bradford v. Birkenhead Park, Old Alleynians v. Guy's, Harlequins v. Royal Navy, Old Edwardians v. Coventry, Newport v. Neath, Aberavon v. Abertillery, Pontypridd v. Bridgend, Mountain Ash v. London Welsh all cancelled on account of the conditions.

*Abandoned before final.

NORTHERN UNION.

Rochdale Hornets	3	Broughton Rangers	2
Halifax	4	Oldham	0
St. Helens	24	Bramley	8
Swinton	21	Wigan Highfield	6
Wigan	23	Huddersfield	2
Dewsbury	8	St. Helens	0
Featherstone Rovers	3	Batley	0
Leeds	3	Wakefield Trinity	0

Many matches were abandoned.

ULSTER RESULTS.

JUNIOR CUP (RE-PLAY).

Collegians 2nd v. Sydenham—Match off.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

	Points.		Points.
Armagh	20	Knock 2nd	5
Donaghadee	14	Malone 2nd	0
N.I.F.C. 2nd	3	Dungannon	0
Lurgan	31	Instonians 2nd	0

Bangor 2nd v. Larne 2nd—Match off.

MINOR LEAGUE.

Instonians 3rd	11	Larne 3rd	8

Knock 3rd v. Sydenham 2nd—Match off.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE SKI RACE.

WENGEN, Sunday.

The annual ski race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities was held here to-day. The course covered a 1,000 feet descent in fairly good snow. The race proved an easy win for Oxford, who secured the first five places. The best time was made by C. E. N. Macintosh, Oxford.

RAILWAY SUBSIDENCE IN COUNTY ARMAGH.

FARMER'S TIMELY WARNING.

On the Armagh-Keady Railway line, near Tassagh viaduct, the permanent way subsided for about thirty feet on Saturday, leaving the rails without any support. Fortunately the subsidence was noticed by a farmer named Peter Mackey, who ran to the nearest station, Ballyards, and reported the matter in time to stop a passenger and goods train from Armagh to Keady.

The train was brought back to Armagh, and the passengers were taken to Keady by road in chars-a-banc and motor cars.

A special ballast train was sent from Belfast yesterday to repair the line.

AN AMERICAN OBSERVATORY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Dr. Schlesinger, the Director of Yale Observatory, is sailing on the Minnetonka for Europe, on his way to South Africa, where he will establish a branch of the observatory. He has not yet decided whether to do so in Bloemfontein or Johannesburg. The object of founding an observatory in South Africa is to observe and photograph those stars which are not visible in the Northern Hemisphere.—(Reuter.)

CRICKET.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIA WINS BY 193 RUNS.

WOOLLEY TOP SCORER.

PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN TELEGRAM.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

The first Test Match—the most protracted struggle in the annals of Test cricket, and certainly one of the most remarkable—ended here to-day (the seventh day of play) in a victory for Australia by 193 runs. England had been set the gigantic task of making 605 runs in the fourth innings, and it would have been a miracle had she accomplished it. That she fell short of this stupendous total by only 193 is a wonderful tribute to the batting strength of the team, and involved the breaking of all previous records for the fourth innings in a Test Match. Until to-day England's 370 at Adelaide was the highest in Test cricket for this innings, the Australian best being only 339 against South Africa.

Thirty-eight minutes' play was sufficient to give Australia the victory to-day. There was only a very small attendance when Woolley (94) and Freeman (33) came out to resume the batting on a good wicket.

Mailey and Gregory initiated the attack. Woolley was again in brilliant form, and soon completed his century with a beautiful cut to the boundary off the fast bowler, which met with loud applause.

The Kent man had then been at the crease exactly two hours. Freeman was playing sound cricket, and there fell to him the distinction of making England's total the highest ever scored in the fourth innings of a Test Match. He accomplished this with a capital cut off the googly bowler which went to the boundary.

The partnership produced entertaining cricket. Woolley entranced the crowd with the easy grace of his strokes, which were so beautifully executed and so accurately timed that they imparted an almost terrific speed to the ball without any apparent effort.

He received a wonderful ovation when he passed Hobbs's and Sutcliffe's figures of 115 and became the top scorer of the match. The fourth century appeared when the innings was six hours old, but four runs later Woolley's great innings came to an end with a catch by Mailey in the slips. Batting altogether two hours and twenty-six minutes, the Kent "crack" hit a six and fifteen fours.

Strudwick joined Freeman, but only nine runs had been added when the Surrey stumper was taken by his rival with the gloves off one of Hendry's deliveries, the latter having just displaced Gregory. Thus the innings, which had lasted three hours and a quarter, closed at twenty minutes to one for a total of 411, and Australia retired victorious by the substantial margin of 193. Freeman batted soundly for eighty-three minutes and hit nine fours. Hendry, with three wickets for 36, was the most successful bowler. Score:—

AUSTRALIA.

FIRST INNINGS.

W. Bardsley c Woolley b Freeman	21
H. L. Collins c Hendren b Tate	114
W. H. Ponsford b Gilligan	110
A. Richardson b Hearne	22
J. M. Taylor c Strudwick b Tate	43
V. Richardson b Freeman	42
C. Kelleway c Woolley b Tate	17
H. L. Hendry c Strudwick b Tate	3
J. M. Gregory c Strudwick b Tate	0
W. A. Oldfield not out	39
A. A. Mailey b Tate	21
Extras	18
Total	450

FALL OF WICKETS.

1 for 46, 2 for 236, 3 for 275, 4 for 286, 5 for 364, 6 for 374, 7 for 387, 8 for 337, 9 for 388, 10 for 450.

SECOND INNINGS.

W. Bardsley b Tate	22
V. Richardson c Hendren b Tate	18
A. Richardson c and b Freeman	98
C. Kelleway b Gilligan	23
H. L. Collins c Chapman b Tate	60
W. H. Ponsford c Woolley b Freeman	27
H. L. Hendry c Strudwick b Tate	22
J. M. Taylor b Tate	108
J. M. Gregory c Woolley b Freeman	2
W. A. Oldfield c Strudwick b Gilligan	18
A. A. Mailey not out	46
Extras	8
Total	452

ENGLAND.

FIRST INNINGS.

Hobbs c Kelleway b Gregory	115
Sutcliffe c Richardson b Mailey	59
Hearne c Sub (Andrews) b Mailey	7
Woolley b Gregory	0
Hendren not out	74
Sandham b Mailey	7
A. P. F. Chapman run out	13
Tate c Sub (Andrews) b Mailey	7
A. E. R. Gilligan b Gregory	1
Freeman b Gregory	0
Strudwick l.b.w. b Gregory	6
Extras	9
Total	298

FALL OF WICKETS.

1 for 157, 2 for 171, 3 for 172, 4 for 202, 5 for 235, 6 for 254, 7 for 272, 8 for 274, 9 for 274, 10 for 298.

SECOND INNINGS.

Hobbs c Hendry b Mailey	57
Sutcliffe c Gregory b Mailey	115
Hearne b Gregory	0
A. P. F. Chapman c Oldfield b Hendry	44
Hendren c Gregory b Hendry	9
Woolley c Mailey b Gregory	123
Sandham c Oldfield b Mailey	2
Tate c Ponsford b Kelleway	0
A. E. R. Gilligan b Kelleway	1
Freeman not out	50
Strudwick c Oldfield b Hendry	2
Extras	8
Total	411

FALL OF WICKETS.

1 for 110, 2 for 127, 3 for 195, 4 for 212, 5 for 263, 6 for 269, 7 for 270, 8 for 276, 9 for 404, 10 for 411.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
AUSTRALIA—First Innings.				
Tate	55	11	130	6
Gilligan	23	0	92	1
Freeman	49	11	124	2
Hearne	12	3	28	1
Woolley	9	0	35	0
Hobbs	2	0	13	0
Chapman	2	0	10	0
AUSTRALIA—Second Innings.				
Gilligan	27	6	114	2
Tate	33	8	98	5
Freeman	37	4	134	3
Hearne	21	2	88	0
Chapman	3	1	10	0
ENGLAND—First Innings.				
Gregory	28	2	111	5
Kelleway	14	3	44	0
Mailey	31	3	129	4
Hendry	5	1	5	0
A. Richardson	1	1	0	0
ENGLAND—Second Innings.				
Gregory	28	2	115	2
Mailey	32	0	179	3
Hendry	10	2	36	3
Kelleway	21	8	60	2
A. Richardson	5	0	13	0

FIRST TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIAN CONGRATULATIONS

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The newspapers to-day congratulate the English cricketers on their splendid uphill fight in the first Test match.—(Reuter.)

AUSTRALIAN INTER-STATE MATCH POSTPONED.

MELBOURNE, December 29.

The cricket match for the Sheffield Shield, between Victoria and New South Wales, which was to have begun here on Saturday, but was postponed owing to rain until to-day, has now been postponed until later in the season on account of the second Test match beginning here on Thursday.—(Reuter.)

GAELIC GAMES.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.

(BY PAT'O).

Unlike other codes with their numerous holiday fixtures, Gaelic Games were suspended during the Christmas season, and serious fixtures will not be resumed until before mid-January, so a brief survey of the years work in 1924 may not be inopportune.

Following years of war abroad and times of disturbance at home, the G.A.A. competitions were almost a year and a half behind schedule in January, 1924. Clubs in many counties were disbanded or disrupted, interest in native teamgames had waned alike in town and country, and the prospects were not rosy. As soon as conditions became more staple, however, enthusiasts set to work with a will in every province; county conventions were held in the early spring; tournaments were organised by way of introducing the inactive players to their old recreations; the re-establishment of well-known clubs got men of different political opinions on the playing fields, and the games were made the happy medium of bridging many chasms in the social life of the community. So when the annual Congress of the G.A.A. met on Easter Sunday the tone was one of hope and expectation. That Congress laid the foundations for a great seasons work. New talent appeared in many counties, the arrears of championship ties were rapidly wiped off, and by June tens of thousands were watching big matches at Croke Park and provincial venues. County championships were carried through in thirty-one counties and portions of the country where native games were dead for decades, became active participants largely by the initiative of members of the Civic Guards and National Army stationed in the neighbourhood. We had Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan in the forefront in the Northern Province; Connaught produced some powerful teams, both in hurling and football, whilst every county in the South and East showed marked indications of revived interest.

Galway hurlers came along like a hurricane, sweeping all opposition aside. Meeting Limerick (Munster champions) in a memorable final last June, the Western Players outplayed the Garryowen men in every department, and won the championship for the first time. Meanwhile, a great series of matches were being played in Munster and Connaught. Tipperary showed much of their old dash in beating Cork and wresting the hurling championship of Munster from Limerick in an exciting game at Dungarvan. Two months ago the Tipperary men met Galway in the 1924 semi-final, and the weight of expert judgment favoured their chances against Galway. Once more, however, the Galway men produced the wonderful spoiling tactics which won the 1923 championship, and Tipperary were well beaten.

Dublin had got together a very strong team of hurlers who created a mild sensation in defeating Kilkenny at Maryboro'. They barely scrambled home against Leix and Offaly, so it was not anticipated that they could hold the Western champions in the final. The Metropolitans were in charge of a thorough going committee, however, and they appeared in the final in rare fettle. Every man was in his best form, and having held Galway for half an hour against sun and wind, Kickhams selection, playing delightfully in the second half, rattled up score after score, and won comfortably.

Dublin footballers fairly dominated the situation and have been unbeaten for three years. Well-balanced in every department, they play beautifully combined football, and though Wexford almost caught them napping, there was no doubt about the O'Toole's victory on the replay. The revival of football in Kerry is one of the outstanding features of the Gaelic year. The Kingdom men played some slashing games on the way to the final, and though they went down before the superb play of the Dublin forwards, they had all the qualities of the great Kerry teams of the past, and a championship cannot long be denied them. Cavan, Mayo, and Galway have produced fine footballers during the year, and the game is catching on rapidly in all its old strongholds.

In the schools and colleges Gaelic games have made rapid and well-defined progress. Cork again won the Sigerson Cup for University Colleges, but the Dublin Collegians still hold the Fitzgibbon Cup for hurling. Blackrock, Roscrea, Rockwell, Newbridge, and St. Finians have fine teams, and some great games developed during the season. Almost every school in Dublin has its teams, and as many as sixteen games on a Saturday afternoon are played on the different grounds in the Phoenix Park.

Whilst running off arrears and polishing the 1924 hurling championship, the Central Council have made stirring progress in other ways. The games were not always as high-class as in the past, but they were played in a splendid spirit. No unruly incident marred the competitions, and unsportsmanlike conduct has disappeared from our playing fields. In the matter of punctuality recent matches have surprisingly improved. The new Council is very strong on this point, and the games are now opened on the stroke of the clock.

The revival of the Tailteann games was, of course, the "big" event in the Gaelic year. Some magnificent hurling, football, and handball was seen. Strong teams from America, England, Scotland and Wales visited Dublin, and we had a rousing gathering of the clans in August. The Games were in every respect a great success, and their future development is assured. Handball under the G.A.A. control has made great strides and enhanced popularity is certain in 1925, when many additional courts will be built.

It is probable that the well-appointed grounds at Croke Park will be closed during the months of February and March for re-sodding, but many outlying venues will be available. Altogether, 1924 has been a successful and memorable year in the G.A.A., and its followers can look forward with confidence to the New Year and anticipate increased prosperity for the games in every county.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

INJURED BY A FOOTBALL.—As he was passing a number of youths who were playing football yesterday afternoon in Upper Oriel street, Dublin, Richard Manning, aged nine years, of 23 Upper Oriel street, was struck by the ball, so violently that his right thigh-bone was fractured. He was taken to Jervis street hospital and detained.

In the Dublin Police Court John Byrne (33), a fruit vendor, was allowed out on his own bail or £5 to come up for judgment within two years, on a charge of stealing a box of apples, value £1 1s., from outside a shop in Drumcondra road on 22nd inst. The accused paid the complainant £1 1s. in court.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS:—Dr. Morgan, G. Hall, Miss Reid, Dr. Bradlaw, Miss Roulston, T. Winters, E. Watson, H. Johnson, Captain Roth, Captain Tyrrell, E. Burke, T. Elliott, D. Mallon, R. Mallon, S. Mallon, T. S. Mallon, Dr. Davies, R. Tilingham, E. Waterstone, R. Taylor, M. Traynor, F. Morris, Miss Felling, G. J. and Mrs. Northdoop, J. Lyons.

DEPARTURES:—Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. O'Keeffe, Miss White, Miss Devitt, J. E. Barrett, J. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, T. Meredith, J. Algar, Dr. Reeves, J. Rowland Guiler, S. Connolly, Captain and Mrs. Kirkley, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, G. Cosgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton.

MUNSTER.

FISHERY SECRETARY'S SALARY. — The salary of Mr. James Verrington, Carrick-on-Suir, secretary to the Fishery Board, has been increased from £155 to £180 a year.

NEW FISHERY INSPECTORS.—Mr. T. Morrissey, Carrick-on-Suir, Mr. J. J. Heffernan, Passage East, and Mr. J. J. Brown have been appointed inspectors by the Waterford Fishery Conservators.

BODY FOUND ON ROADSIDE.—A man named Moroney, a tailor, aged about 34 years, was found dead on the roadside at a place called Kilcooney, mid-way between Dungarvan and Clonmel. It does not appear that there are indications of foul play.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.—Hannah Keane, a child aged five years, was burned to death at Direen, Scartaglin, Co. Kerry, on Saturday afternoon. The child's clothing got ignited from the kitchen fire and her mother, the only other occupant of the house, was unable to save her.

CONNAUGHT.

FATAL ACCIDENT DURING GALE.—Mr. L. Naigle, Castlebaldwin, near Boyle, formerly a national school teacher, was fatally injured while feeding his cattle. A sheet of zinc was blown off a barn and fell on his head, causing a compound fracture of the skull, from which he died shortly afterwards.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

FALL IN THE STREET.—A middleaged man named John McIntyre, Castle Gardens, Derry, accidentally fell in the street, and received a fracture of the left ankle. He was removed to the Infirmary and detained.

DERRY GIRL BURNED. — While a twelve-year-old girl named Annie Morshan, of 6 St. Columbs Wells, Derry, was poking the fire at home, her dress became alight, and she received severe burns on the right leg, chest and hand. She was removed to the Infirmary.

POSTMAN COLLAPSES. — During the Christmas a Derry postman named Arthur Gillespie, while on his rounds, collapsed on the street. He was removed to the Infirmary, but was able to go home after treatment.

CHILD SCALDED.—A lad, aged three years, the son of Special Constable Fulton, who resides at Bready, was standing on a stool and overbalanced. In falling he caught a kettle containing boiling water, and was severely scalded.

FLAX PRICES.—At the Ballymena flax market on Saturday two tons of flax fibre were sold at prices ranging from 18s. to 20s. per stone.

NO PORK FOR SALE.—There was no pork in the Newtownards market on Saturday. Eggs were sold at 2s. 6d. per dozen, butter 2s. 4d. per lb., and potatoes 7s. per cwt.

BELFAST MOTOR ACCIDENT. — An elderly women, whose name has not been ascertained, was knocked down and severely injured by a motor car in Donegall place, Belfast, on Saturday night. She was taken to hospital in the motor car and was detained.

FRIGHTENED BY A BAND.—A pony in a trap in Shaftesbury square, Belfast, met a drumming party and shied, overturning the trap and injuring its two occupants, William M'Cullough (59), Courtney terrace, and James Cameron (70), Windsor road. The men were conveyed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, and there it was found that M'Cullough was suffering from severe injuries to the head, and Cameron had a fractured collar-bone and rib.

FATALLY INJURED BY MOTOR CAR.—At the inquest on John Cullen (47) labourer, Donneyloop, County Donegal, who was knocked down at Castletown, Strabane, by a motor car on Christmas Eve and fatally injured, a verdict of death from fracture of the skull was returned, but the jury were of opinion that it was an unavoidable accident, and attached no blame to the driver of the car. Evidence was given that the driver of the car did everything possible to avoid the accident.

BURGLARY AT LIMERICK JUNCTION.

On Christmas night the stores attached to Ryan's Hotel, Limerick Junction, were broken into, and whiskey, brandy and wine, to the value of about £30, was stolen.

The proprietor, Mr. John Ryan, was at the time on a visit to the residence of his cousin, the late Matt Ryan, who was murdered on Tuesday night.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Time Signal from Greenwich. "Humorous Sidelights on the Canadian Domestic Problem," by Elizabeth Keith Morris. "New Methods of Learning to Read," by Muriel Wrinch. 5.30-6.15—Children's Corner. 6.40-6.55—Mr. H. C. Minchin, "The Story of John Peel." 7.0—Time Signal, Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. A. A. Baylis, D.Sc., "Animal Partnerships." S.B. to all Stations, except Cardiff. 7.30—Popular Orchestral Programme. S.B. to all Stations. Frank Tully. 9.0—Percy Edgar, "Impressions." 9.30—Time Signal, Weather and News. Kebie Howard, "Just an Idea." S.B. to all Stations. 10.0—The Orchestra. Percy Edgar in further Impressions. 10.30—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.30-4.30—The Station Wind Quintet. Gladys Tivey (contralto). 5.0-5.30—Women's Corner. Sidney Rogers, F.R.H.S., Topical Horticultural Hints. Ethel Williams (contralto). 5.30-6.30—Children's Corner. 6.30-6.45—Fred. J. Clifford, L.R.A.M., "Musical Appreciation—Beethoven." 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.45-5.0—Talk to Women; "London Papers," by Anne Farnell Watson. The "6BM" Trio. 5.0-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.0-6.30—Scholars' Half-Hour: Miss E. M. Rodda, "Julius Cæsar." 6.30-6.45—Lessons in Morse Transmission, by Douglas C. Norman. 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

3.0-4.0 — Falkman and his Orchestra, relayed from the Capitol Cinema. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children's Corner. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. Richard Treseder, F.R.H.S., "Gardening." 7.30-10.30—S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

3.30-4.30—"2ZY" Orchestra. 4.30-5.0—Women's Half-Hour: Margaret Jackson (contralto). 5.0-6.0—Children's Corner. 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

3.45-5.15—Ethel M. Wooley (soprano), Jack Boddice (solo euphonium). Florence Mather, "Home Nursing." 5.15-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.0-6.30—P. Bateman, B.A., on Wagner. 6.45-6.55—Dr. H. G. Brockman, "Colour Photography." 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

ABERDEEN (2BD)—495 Metres.

3.30-5.0—Old Time Songs, by Arthur Ackerman and Jenny Wynne. Wireless Septet. Feminine Topics. 5.30-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.30-7.0—Girl Guides' Bulletin. Boy Scouts' Bulletin. 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-4.50—Wireless Quartet, Josephine MacPherson (mezzo-soprano). Afternoon Topics. 5.15-6.0—Children's Corner. 6.0-6.5—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 7.0-10.30—S.B. from London.

DUBLIN THEATRES.

AMUSEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK.

The three Dublin theatres in which Pantomimes are being presented have had a successful week, and the season promises to be a highly profitable one. "Cinderella," at the Gaiety Theatre, has been well praised, and favourable notice has also been taken of "Puss in Boots" at the Queen's, and "The Babes in the Wood" at Olympia Theatre. The patron of any of these shows is assured of an excellent entertainment.

"Puppets," an up-to-date revue, will hold the boards this week at the Theatre Royal. Dion Titherage and Ivor Novello have collaborated in the book and the music, and the revue is based on the philosophy of Shakespeare: "All the world's a stage." Robert Hale, comedian, heads the cast with Nora Delaney, of "Whirl of the World" fame. Both these artistes are exceptional favourites of the London stage. This entertaining revue has run for seven months at the Vaudeville Theatre, London.

Brinsley Macnamara's "The Glorious Uncertainty" will be presented at the Abbey Theatre every night this week. There will be a *matinée* on Saturday.

The Dixie Minstrels, who have been retained for another week at the Tivoli Theatre, will appear in an entirely new programme. The bill also includes "Dadda" Griff and his bubble-juggling doll. Eileen O'Mara, soprano, will sing, and N. Kioto and Rene will give a clever Japanese equilibristic performance.

FATHER MATHEW PLAYERS.

"A-lad-in Helloland," the original pantomime, which is being presented by the Father Mathew Players in the People's Theatre, Church street, contains a very amusing plot, and serves to introduce several pretty lyrics. The scene of the story is laid in an island cut off from intercourse with the world, and the fun begins when an Irishman lands from an aeroplane. The libretto is by Mr. R. J. Purcell, a Dublin man, and the production is under the direction of Mr. Frank Fay. The cast includes several popular local players. Performances will be given each evening during the week.

CINEMA THEATRES.

"Nellie," a melodrama which relates the story of a cloak-model, is the attraction at La Scala Theatre. The cast includes Claire Windsor, Edmund Lowe, Mae Busch and Lew Cody. Episode 5 of "The Mechanism of a Motor Car" will also be shown.

"Those Who Dance" is the title of a problem drama which will be shown during the week at the Metropole Cinema. The chief *rôle* is taken by Blanche Sweet.

"The Reckless Age," with Reginald Denny, has been secured by the Grafton Cinema. This popular actor won considerable fame in the "Leather-Pushers" series. The orchestra is under the direction of Madame Van Aalst, late leader of the Opera House, London.

Tom Mix takes the leading part in "Stepping Fast," a lively Western play, which will be shown at the Bohemian Picture Theatre. J. F. Rayburn, entertainer, will appear twice nightly.

At the Grand Central Cinema will be shown Rex Beach's story, "The net," and "The Velvet Woman," introducing Jose Collins, of "Maid of the Mountains" fame.

At the Princess Cinema, Rathmines, "A Gentleman of Leisure," in which Jack Holt appears, will be screened for the first part of the week. On the following three days "Pioneer Trails," a Vitagraph super-production, dealing with the Californian gold rush, will be presented. The leading parts are filled by Cullen Landis and Alice Calhoun.

"Rupert of Hentzau," the sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda," will be shown for the whole week at the Carlton Cinema. The picture abounds in thrills and action, and the cast includes such well-known players as Elaine Hammerstein, Bert Lytell, Lew Cody, Adolphe Menjou and Nigel de Brulier.

BEATEN AND ROBBED.

OUTRAGE NEAR LIMERICK.

John Healy, a farmer, while going from Limerick to his home at Clondrina, County Clare, on Saturday night, was "held up" by disguised men at Caherdavin and robbed of £10.

He was beaten by his assailants, who left him lying on the roadside.

He was removed to Barrington's Hospital, where he was detained for serious wounds to the head.

MOTOR CARS COLLIDE.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN COUNTY DUBLIN.

A serious motor car accident occurred on Saturday morning in the neighbourhood of Sandyford, near the Dublin Mountains. As a result of it Mrs. Maurice Moriarty and Miss Reardon, both sisters-in-law to Mr. Lawrence Moriarty, Secretary to the Ministry of Fisheries, are in St. Vincent's Private Hospital suffering from injuries.

Mr. Moriarty was driving his car, in which the two ladies and his daughter, Miss Eugenie Moriarty were seated. At a cross-roads one of the back wheels was, it is said, struck by another car.

The impact broke the wheel of Mr. Moriarty's car and flung the three ladies on to the roadway. An ambulance had to be called to convey Mrs. M. Moriarty and Miss Reardon to hospital. Miss Moriarty, who sustained a severe blow on the head, was able to return home.

Mr. Moriarty, who was at the wheel, escaped without serious injury.

HANDEL'S "THE MESSIAH."

The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral asks us to correct a slight omission from the report of his lecture in Christ Church Cathedral on St. Stephen's Day. In the course of his lecture he mentioned the fact that on April 13th, 1742, the first public performance of "The Messiah" was given in the Music Hall, Fishamble street, by the choirs of the two Dublin Cathedrals, Handel himself conducting the performance; and on April 12th, 1788, the great Handel Memorial Festival was held in Christ Church Cathedral on the centenary of Handel's birthday.

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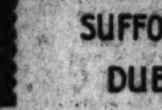

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STEEPLEJACK'S NINETY FEET FALL.

A Birmingham steeplejack escaped with no more serious injury than bruises and abrasions after falling from a height of 90 feet.

The steeplejack, Henry Glover, aged 37, was removing bricks from the chimney stack of a glass works at Aston when he lost his balance and fell. His descent was interrupted for a few seconds by a roof, from which he rolled on to another roof, then on to a fowl pen, and so to the ground.

IMMIGRANTS WANTED BY CANADA.

SEEKING SETTLERS FROM EUROPE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.

Mr. J. A. Robb, the Minister of Immigration, in the course of an interview, said that the Government was undertaking a really aggressive immigration campaign in Great Britain and Northern Europe for the coming year.

While criticism had been levelled at the department on the ground that conditions did not warrant anything being done in the way of bringing newcomers into Canada, he was satisfied that the general improvement in conditions in the whole country was ample justification for the department's undertaking a more vigorous campaign.

Referring to a recent arrangement with the Imperial Government for placing 3,000 agricultural families on farms in Canada, the Minister said: "The scheme is now being worked out, and the coming spring will find the first section of not less than 1,200 families arriving for settlement in various provinces. The whole 3,000 will be brought out in two years, instead of three, as originally planned."

FARMERS DESIRED.

Mr. Robb emphasises the necessity of selection of the right type from the European Continent and a close study of conditions in Northern Europe. The Department had endeavoured, through special investigations in the past few months by Mr. Egan, Deputy Minister of Immigration, to test the assertions made in Canada, and also by shipping interests, that thousands of Europeans of the farming class with capital were anxious to come to Canada.

Arrangements were made last summer for placing 650 of these Continental families, but constructive efforts on the part of the Department had been a comparative failure; for some of those who clamoured most for permission to enter Canada were the first to make excuses of non-preparedness, although previously the story told was to the effect that these people were standing on the shores of Europe awaiting the privilege to come forward.

RACIAL SELECTION.

A survey of the Continent and interviews with Government officials in several countries had, Mr. Robb said, secured that co-operation which would mean an influx of the best immigrants. There was every prospect of good immigration from Holland. While no propaganda of a general nature was allowed in France and Belgium, considerable interest in Canada was found in both these countries, and better immigration was expected in the future.

Respecting Germany, Mr. Robb said: "Some emigration to Canada is likely, but Canada is not prepared to accept the large number of refugees now in Germany from various parts of the Continent."

The Minister said that there was a fair prospect of a good movement of Hungarian farmers to Canada. For certain districts where the pioneer farming type was most desired Canada would have a good source of supply from the Galician sections of Poland. In Jugo-Slavia the authorities had announced the desire for hearty co-operation with the Canadian Government, and Canada might, therefore, look forward to secure a type of Jugo-Slavs which would assimilate readily. Throughout the Scandinavian countries a special endeavour was being made on behalf of emigration which was likely to result in increased emigration from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

FREE STATE LABOURERS.

Another field, important from the standpoint of agricultural settlement, was the Irish Free State, where Canada had hitherto not been allowed to carry on an active campaign owing to the reorganisation following the political changes. Inquiries made in official circles, however, had brought about arrangements which would enable the Canadian authorities to get into touch with prospective emigrants in that country, and increased immigration from the Free State, more particularly from the farm labouring classes, was assured.

"This will show," Mr. Robb added, "that a real endeavour is under way to increase our emigration from Northern Europe. Just as our faith in the future permitted us to remove the restrictions on some parts of Northern Europe, so does the faith we had early last season, and which is in evidence to-day by the buoyancy of the West and the natural improvement of the East, encourage us to remove the restrictions which were in a more general way applicable to other countries of Northern Europe. The Department has arranged a service of direction to the newcomer, which so far as possible will protect him, not only in the purchase of land, but will assist him in the matter of obtaining farm work."—(Reuter.)

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS.

The transmission of photographs by wireless is a French invention, according to the claim made by M. Edouard Belin, special wireless engineer attached to the Government Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

M. Belin declares that the photographs of Queen Alexandra and President Coolidge, transmitted from London to New York this week, were "not true photographs, but only lines made very close together in certain places, therefore, giving the illusion for a few minutes that they were photographs."

M. Belin says that his own invention for the transmission of designs is already completely successful, and that he has actually transmitted photographs for short distances with complete success, producing the effect of a real photograph, which can be adequately reproduced by a newspaper.

M. Belin declares that on the 5th and 13th of August, 1921, he transmitted from New York to Paris complete texts and designs in accurate photography. Over longer distances his actual facial photography fails to give accurate likeness, but he thinks that this matter will be developed within a few months to technical perfection.

The Government Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces to-day that nothing can prevent the successful transmission of photographs between Paris and New York, except the lack of a sufficiently strong radio station. When the plans now in progress are completed, such a station will be operative from Paris which will transmit actual photographs far different from pictures by dots and lines such as were sent from London to New York.

BURGLARS BUSY IN BELFAST.

RESULT OF RAISING OF THE CURFEW.

Curfew in Northern Ireland was lifted during Christmas. Taking advantage of its suspension, a number of burglars became busy in Belfast.

On Wednesday morning, about 12.30 o'clock, the licensed establishment of Mr. John M'Mahon, of 118 Leeson street, was broken into and £100 in money and several bottles of whiskey carried off.

The thieves gained an entrance by breaking a window at the rear of the shop, and they smashed open the safe and extracted money to the amount stated.

Having helped themselves to some bottles of whiskey, they took their departure.

On Christmas morning the premises of Mr. Joshua Beckett, commission agent, College street, were entered, and furs and ladies' ties to the value of £150 were stolen.

A new building is being constructed beside Mr. Beckett's offices, and, climbing up a ladder, the thieves got on to the roof and entered the room through a skylight.

They bundled up over a dozen furs valued at £85 and several ladies' ties valued at £30, and then decamped.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNISED.—Summoned for not having a light on his cart, John Galvin, Lixnaw, explained to Mr. P. P. O'Donoghue, at the Listowel District Court, that he had been detained as a juror at the Tralee Circuit Court until after darkness. His worship dismissed the case as the defendant had been on public duty on the day in question.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS

DOLLS MORE CHARMING THAN EVER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS.

The great shops appear this year to have surpassed themselves in providing allurements to the public. Window displays have long reached a point unknown in London. They are not confined to the showing of goods, but seek to interest and amuse the crowd by a sort of play-scene, artistically staged, and worked mechanically.

A CANNIBAL VILLAGE.

One of the most popular a year or so ago was the representation of a cannibal village with a missionary (unmistakably English, by the way), roasting on a spit, with a coal black nigger whetting a huge knife, and others preparing the adjuncts of the coming feast.

We are far beyond that now. The façade occupied above the first storey by a representation of Paris under snow dominated to the north by the Church of the Sacré-Cœur and with all the famous landmarks well in relief. Illuminated by hidden electric lamps, this device continues to attract crowds many hours after nightfall.

One of the big shops has succeeded in reproducing in its window the winter sports at Chamonix, with tobogganers tobogganing down the hills.

FLOOR OF THE SEA.

At an establishment near the Opéra a sea floor is reproduced—with a shark that snaps alarming jaws, an octopus with eyes that flash a ruddy electric light, and divers who seek their treasure of gold in a submarine vegetation that waves mechanically with the movement of the water. Don Quixote with Rosinante and the windmill hold sightseers elsewhere, and on the South Side of the Seine there is a farmyard where cocks crow and cows chew the cud, and where realism is pushed to the length of impaling the unfortunate farmer on the horns of an angry bull. The throngs that gather about such displays are more than three parts adult, and so great that gangways have to be railed off and police posted to keep order.

BRISK TRADE.

With such attractions no wonder that trade is brisk.

There are not many novelties, but toys are more mechanical and more expensive than ever. Wireless sets are almost everywhere, and there are submarines and motor boats, with electric motors, and trains which cost anything up to 5,000 francs—the price, by the way, of a reproduction of the famous "Blue Train" that runs to the Riviera.

And the dolls. They are more numerous and charming than ever, as if in a world of scarcer babies it had been determined to magnify the cult of the effigy. There are dolls for drawingroom and nursery, dolls at five francs and 500 ——, Becassine in peasant's cap and checkered apron and Madame de Pompadour in silk and brocades; dolls showing their legs and the gladdest of glad eyes; and dolls demure or languishing in long trains or crinolines—every sort of doll to please a world of little women critical before their time. "What a guy she is," said one of them of a china lady with a mass of dark hair. "Elle ne s'est pas fait couper les cheveux."

GAYER COLOURS.

Perhaps there is nothing strikingly new in other departments either, but everywhere colours are gayer and designs more elaborate than ever. Dress stuffs in infinite variety sing the praises of the dyer's art, and handbags, purses and blotters, scarves and pochettes (which the young French dandy displays in his front breast pocket where the handkerchief used to be), all lend their harmonies. Even furs are tinted, and fur wraps as well as fur trimmings are seen in pink and blue and green. The Parisienne who has refused to wear coloured hair on her head to please the coiffeur is now invited to wear it round her neck at the bidding of the furrier.

It is agreed that prices are higher owing to the increased cost of labour and materials, and a manager says this explains why people are buying useful gifts rather than others—slippers, dressing-gowns, pyjamas, etc.

RELIEF FOR COUNTY LEITRIM.

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF COAL.

The Commissioner who has been appointed in the room of the Leitrim County Council announced that a grant of £13,032 from the Government for relief works in County Leitrim was mainly due to the efforts of Mr. J. N. Dolan, T.D. The Land Commission, he said, had agreed to take charge of the scheme formulated in the County Council office. The poor people of North and South Leitrim were badly hit, and the grant was to give employment as well as to get work done of public utility.

Provision was being made by the Government to distribute fuel owing to the shortage of turf, and they were allocating one thousand tons for distribution amongst three classes—those who were receiving home help, the old and disabled, and the small landholder, who was worse off than the labourer. He was getting the coal distributed through the clergy and the local committees, who would be helped by the Home assistance officers and the rate collectors. A small charge of a few pence per bag was to be made to meet local expenses. Those who were working on relief works or other special works would be debarred from the benefit of the scheme. The Government had moved in this matter without any scare being created. That was due to the fact that they were in touch with local conditions, and with their own people in charge there was no need for begging. The State provided the coal free, and the State should not be saddled with the expense of distribution, and local charitable people should see that the coal was distributed free.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.

MOTORING IN THE SAHARA.

PARIS, Saturday.

The news that the Haardt-Audouin Debreuil expedition had reached Lake Tchad, and that the Gradis expedition intended to make the return journey across the Sahara to Colomb-Bechar by the way it came, arrived in Paris on the same day. Both expeditions have so far met with complete success in their somewhat different aims.

The cars traversing the Sahara under the leadership of M. Gradis have shown that the new and shorter route across the Sahara may with perfect safety be used as a regular passenger route, unforeseen accidents always excepted.

The Haardt-Audouin Debreuil expedition, on the other hand, is breaking new ground never before covered by motor cars, and its arrival at Lake Tchad has been accomplished only after a difficult journey through rough brush and marshland. The party left Colomb-Bechar on November 28, arriving at Lake Tchad on December 14; so that in sixteen days they have covered 3,930 kilometres, or one-tenth of the total distance round the world. Beyond Zinder they had to cross 600 kilometres of wild brush and treacherous marshes, but neither motors nor caterpillar wheels broke down.

Although the lake itself is a great marshy expanse, subject to sudden transformations by drought and flood, and the surrounding country is a tangled wilderness, Lake Tchad, nevertheless, forms what one newspaper calls the "turn-table" of the commercial routes which one day will link up French possessions in Africa—North Africa, Western Africa and Equatorial Africa. It also dominates the three great rivers, the Niger, the Nile and the Congo. With judicious irrigation, the region could be made to produce cotton, and a native plant yields a substance which could be converted into vegetable fuel for motor traffic. It is hoped that the present expedition may open up a new era for a hitherto largely neglected area.—(Reuter.)

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